

A FERMENT ON BALTIC

Fort at Riga Is Seized by the Insurgents.

SOLDIERS JOIN THE PEASANTRY

They Form a Provisional Government in Province.

General Uprising of Peasants in the District, Owners of Estates Being Driven Off or Killed.—The Russian Financial Situation Is Desperate. Massacre of Jews at Odessa.—M. Witte Is Not To Resign.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 12 (via Eydtshuhnen, Prussia, Dec. 14).—A provisional government has been set up in the Baltic province of Livonia, according to messengers who have arrived here from Riga. They report that many of the troops have gone over to the insurgents. The province, which commands Riga harbor, is in their possession, and the governor and other Russian officials are prisoners. The messengers add that the provisional government exercises throughout Livonia and part of Courland. The new government has declared the separation of the Lithuanian people from the Russian empire. They have chosen new local officials, and have decreed the closing of the spirits shops and breweries and annulment of contracts between the peasants and the land owners. There is a general uprising of the native peasants, who are traveling in armed bands, attacking the estates and driving off or killing their owners.

A veritable panic prevails on the bourse. The complete collapse of business in the provinces has been attended by many bankruptcies.

The agrarian disturbances are extending almost to the gates of this city. The country mansions of many nobles, including Count Shakhovskoye, have been burned.

Strikers fought a duel with a Cossack patrol in the outlying industrial village of Gorodistich. The strikers stood their ground with revolvers, emptying four saddles and forcing the Cossacks to retreat. The workmen's council of Moscow has adhered to the decision of the St. Petersburg council in deciding against a general strike. It develops that the council's funds have been exhausted in supporting 16,000 idle workmen.

Efforts to break the post and telegraph strike have been unsuccessful. The volunteer carriers are boycotted and taunted in the streets.

News from Kursk says that two regiments which refused to protect landed estates from the peasants have been ordered back to that town. The publishers of Moscow have decided to defy the press laws.

A report is in circulation here that General Count Alexis Ignatieff has been arrested by order of the emperor for plotting to establish a dictatorship. Inquiry at Count Ignatieff's home failed to elicit either confirmation or denial of the story.

The League of Leagues has issued an address declaring that the recent acts of the government proved it was attempting to suppress the emancipation movement and demonstrated that political freedom could only be obtained by an armed struggle, in which all the progressive elements were invited to join.

The Russian officials are being expelled from the provinces, and many of them have been killed in the streets of the towns. There is a reign of terror at Riga. Women and children are living in the upper stories of houses and foreign merchants are winding up their business or abandoning everything in order to escape.

It is doubtful whether the promise of local self-government contained in the imperial ukase will have much effect, at least for the present, but it furnishes ample proof that the government realizes it is helpless to restore order without granting heavy concessions. The partial concessions granted to the people of the Baltic provinces are bound to encourage the Poles, Georgians and other border peoples.

Fifteen Thousand Killed.

Denver, Dec. 14.—H. H. Polish of this city received a letter from his brother Eli, in Odessa, describing the massacres of Jews in that city. The letter in part follows: "From Oct. 17 to Oct. 23 my family and I were hidden in the darkness of our cellar, and now thank God that our lives were even spared. There are 30,000 families that saved absolutely nothing but the clothes they wore, and are now huddled together in the open streets. There were 20,000 injured and 15,000 murdered. Little children were hurled

out of windows to their death, and awful injuries were inflicted. Women were pierced with large knives, their stomachs and intestines cut out, and were then left to die in the streets, by the thousands."

Witte Will Not Resign.

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at St. Petersburg, in a further installment of his interview with Count Witte, the first part of which was published Tuesday, says the premier declared that the army would remain faithful; that the finances of the country were sound, and it was not his intention to resign.

Massacre Renewed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13, via Eydtshuhnen, Dec. 14.—The report of a fresh massacre of Jews, in which over 500 persons lost their lives, was received this morning from Turisk, Volhynia. The massacre was incited on the Christian population to rise and exterminate the Jews. A mob formed, and attacked all the Jewish shops, killing and abusing all Jews who fell into its hands. The few Jews who escaped from the mob are destitute.

Following the massacre, the priest who incited the outrage preached a sermon in which he praised the awful deed. The local ecclesiastical authorities ordered that this sermon should be printed and distributed broadcast throughout the country. It is feared the result of this action will be to incite fresh massacres of Jews.

A mutiny has broken out among the soldiers in the city, although it is impossible to tell how serious it is. Four regiments have joined in a notice sent to the workmen in which they say:

"You do not need to fear the bureaucracy any longer. We are with you and we are resolved to annihilate all reactionaries. If we are or—

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HAILED AS A VICTORY

Revolutionists Claim Such Is Czar's Latest Decree.

EMPEROR ISSUES IMPORTANT ORDER

The Revolutionists Declare He Has Abdicated Power.

The Empire Is No Longer a Cohesive State, but a Collection of Many Provinces Ruled by Little Czars with Widely Divergent Views. Letter from Stenikiewicz and Other Poles of Prominence.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 13.—Via Eydtshuhnen, Dec. 14.—The action of the Czar in issuing decrees whereby the powers of local provincial governors are greatly widened, is hailed by the revolutionists as a great victory for them. The conferring of such powers, the revolutionaries state, is an admission that the central government no longer exists in Russia and that the Czar is unable longer to direct provincial affairs from St. Petersburg, and accordingly has delegated his powers to local authorities, many of whom are supporters of the revolutionary movement. The revolutionaries declare that by this act the Czar has practically dethroned himself everywhere but in St. Petersburg. Russia is no longer a cohesive state, but simply a collection of provinces ruled by a host of little czars, with widely divergent views as to how to deal with the revolution.

The leaders of the revolutionary movement intend to try to isolate all the provincial governors. The first step in this direction has already been taken at Tomsk, where Governor Azachevsky has been obliged to send word to the Czar that he will be unable to obey the monarch's order to come to St. Petersburg for a conference because the railway employees refuse to operate any train on which he may try to ride as a passenger. Similar tactics will be resorted to in other provinces.

The revolutionists here have received a letter signed by Henry K. Stenikiewicz, Polish author, and 30,000 other Poles, in which they declare that Poland has no desire to establish an independent kingdom, but wishes to remain in a union with free Russia. This letter has created an excellent impression. It has been read at numerous meetings where resolutions have been adopted declaring that it is the ambition of the Russian people to work with the Poles for liberty.

SAYS LAW IS EVADED

Report of Interstate Commerce Commission on Rates.

URGES CONGRESS TO EXTEND ITS POWERS

Terminal Roads and Elevator Charges Are Discussed.

The Commission, in the Report, Discusses Refrigeration and Declares It Is a Part of Transportation. Hopeful Expectations of the Effect of the Elkins Law Are Modified. Many Complaints Filed.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The interstate commerce commission, in its annual report submitted to congress today, discussed proposed railroad rate regulation. It urges upon congress the delegation of authority to the commission to determine what rate should be substituted in place of one found to be unlawful, such rate to take effect within reasonable time, unless set aside by judicial proceedings.

"It is designated in the proposed amendment," says the commission, "to confer this authority in unmistakable terms and in conformity with the decisions of the supreme court and the opinion of the attorney general respecting the power of the courts and the constitutionality of such legislation."

In its discussion of refrigeration, the commission asserts that this business has fallen into the hands of two or three companies of which the Armour car line is the principal. Extended investigations by the commission have led it to the conclusion that the charges imposed are, in some cases, at least, exorbitant and that they are not uniformly exacted. The commission holds that the furnishing of refrigeration is a part of transportation, and recommends that charges for this service should be put on the same basis as all other freight charges.

On the subject of terminal roads, elevator charges and private cars, the commission says these devices are at present more or less resorted to for the purpose of preferring one shipper to another and asks for authority to fix a proper limit to payments therefor.

Matter of Rebates.

Discussing the matter of rebates, the commission is compelled to modify in some degree its previously expressed hopeful expectations of the effect of the Elkins law.

"Not only," says the report, "have various devices for evading the law been brought into use, but the actual payment of rebates has been here and there resumed. Instances of this kind have been established by convincing proof, on which prosecutions have been commenced and are now pending. More frequently, the unjust preference is brought about by methods which may escape the penalties of the law, but which plainly operate to defeat its purpose."

Within the year, five-hundred and sixty-eight complaints were filed with the commission. Sixty-five investigations were instituted, involving the practices of 321 carriers. Forty-five formal decisions were rendered, involving charges of unreasonable rates and discriminatory practices. Proceedings for injunction under the Elkins act were instituted against a number of prominent concerns. The commission states that decided improvement has taken place in the past year in the condition of safety appliances on all roads subject to the provisions of the statute. The practice with regard to safety appliances is now substantially uniform throughout the country.

SIX CHILDREN ARE BURNED TO DEATH

Mother of One Is Fatally Injured in the Fire.

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 14.—While C. P. Lester, L. P. Meyer and Arnold Webb, with their wives, were attending the theater, the Lester home was destroyed by fire and the six children of the three couples who had been left there in charge of the maid were burned to death. Mrs. Lester was perhaps fatally injured in attempting to save her child. All the children were under four years of age.

First Cabinet Meeting.

London, Dec. 14.—The first meeting of the new Liberal cabinet was held this morning and was attended by all the members.



AMUNDSEN, DISCOVERER OF THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE.

Road Amundsen, the discoverer of the long sought northwest passage, has announced his intention of attempting to circumnavigate the Polar sea. To do this it will be necessary to make the northeast as well as the northwest passage. Amundsen also found the magnetic north pole, although this was done years ago by Sir John Ross. In the illustration Amundsen is shown on the deck of his stanch vessel, the Gjoa, in which he will continue his explorations.

MR. LAMAR AGGRIEVED

Democratic Member of House Defies the Leader.

WILLIAMS CAUSES BITTER FEELING

Both Lamar and Shackelford Assail His Course.

The Former Is Particularly Bitter in His Criticism, Even Declaring That Their Personal Friendship Is Forever at an End.—Mr. Shackelford Denounces All Bosses and Declares Himself Independent.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In the house a deft was thrown at Representative Williamson, the minority leader, by Representative Lamar of Florida and another by Representative Shackelford of Missouri. The complaint of both resulted from the failure of Mr. Williams to recommend their reappointment as members of committee on interstate and foreign commerce. Both made long speeches, in which Mr. Williams' leadership was assailed from many points. Mr. Williams replied to Mr. Lamar at some length, and briefly to Mr. Shackelford. His defense was that last session the Democrats of this committee were divided, and he deemed it necessary for the good of the party and the country that a united minority report should be made on the subject of railroad rate legislation. At times there was high tension in the debate. Mr. Lamar was particularly bitter in his criticism, and openly declared that his heretofore personal friendship for Mr. Williams was forever at an end unless the criticism of himself were retraced. He, however, would recognize Mr. Williams as the party leader. Mr. Shackelford denounced all bosses and placed himself entirely independent of party leadership in the house.

Canal Bond Bill Passes.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The senate today, without opposition, passed a bill giving to Panama canal bonds all the rights and privileges accorded to other United States two per cent. bonds.

A JURY FIXES PRICE OF KISS

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 14.—In the Carroll county circuit court, a jury assessed John L. Bowman \$139 for stealing a kiss from Mrs. Millie Rahn. She had demanded \$5,000.

TALK PEACE; INTEND WAR

A Battle Between Miners and Operators Probable.

RECOGNITION OF UNION DEMANDED

That Is the Chief Issue Before Miners' Convention.

Operators Declare the Supply of Mined Coal Is Very Large and That the Union Will Not Be Given Recognition.—Miners Will Prepare Financially to Stand a Long Period of Idleness.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 14.—With peace talk heard on every side, 800 delegates representing the various locals of the United Mine Workers of America in the anthracite coal field met in convention here at 10 o'clock this morning to formulate a demand upon the operators for a full and complete recognition of the miners' union in the hard coal region. There will be other demands, including the eight-hour day, but they will be subordinated, if necessary to the chief issue, recognition of the union. Once the organization of the mine workers is recognized, other demands will be speedily granted, it is argued. The convention may not be able to complete its labors before the first part of next week, for over ninety per cent. of the delegates are unrepresented, and the convention is an open one in the fullest sense. While none of the district presidents will make public his views, enough has been learned from inside sources that there are too many protestations of peace and that behind all this waving of olive branches, moves are being planned that will make a bitter struggle inevitable if the coal operators do not recognize the union.

Must Stand or Fall.

The mine workers' union must stand or fall on the demand for recognition. It is claimed. For three years, the union has faithfully stood by the award of the anthracite commission and submitted its grievances for settlement to the board of conciliation, and the leaders now feel that with the expiration of the award April 1, 1906, the time has come for making the demand for recognition.

"The operators are always ready to blame us if anything goes wrong," said a district president this morning, "but none gives the union any praise for the good it does. Three years ago, we proposed conciliation, but the operators would have

nothing to do with it. They said we would never be bound by it and could not be depended upon to keep our word. The public will judge of our responsibility in the last three years under the commission's award. Now that we propose recognition, the operators are shouting to continue the board."

Delegates Talk Peace.

Delegates to the convention talked peace this morning and interspersed their remarks with observations that the companies were storing huge mountains of coal all through the region. If the anthracite region has a strike, it will be the end, either the union will win a great victory or it will be smashed and broken until nothing is left of it. The operators are preparing for it. There is to be no shortage of coal in the big cities this time to influence public opinion in favor of the strikers, the operators say. Coal is being stored everywhere, even at Boston and Milwaukee. A man identified in business interests with the president of one of the large coal roads says:

"I do not in any way appear here as a representative of the coal roads. I know this, however, that the president of one of the large lines told me in Philadelphia that he would never submit to a demand for union recognition and that he proposed to run his road without the interference of others. He intimated that if the fight came, it would be until the coal companies had made an end of the union. The reason for this tremendous storage of coal at great cost must be apparent."

Big Strike Funds.

The union, too, has been active in the last few months. Members who have been delinquent in their dues have been stirred to financial activity and the treasury is fortified for a long battle. There has been a general campaign of education among the foreign element to show them what the union has done for them, for it is admitted on all sides that conditions in the hard coal districts are generally satisfactory and the union leaders point to this with pride. It is to continue and better the conditions that the leaders are urging the demand for union recognition. A strike the coming spring would be prolonged, for bank officials from both the upper and lower coal regions report that the balances of the miners are larger than in any previous years.

Whether there will be a strike, however, will not be known until the union convention in March at Hazleton, Pennsylvania. The demands formulated at this convention will include the recognition of the union, an eight-hour day and probably an increase in wages in several special lines of mining, together with some important demands growing out of small grievances in the various districts. Their demands will probably be under discussion Friday and Saturday and will be voted upon for adoption Monday. The three district presidents will probably be appointed a committee to present the demands to the coal operators and report back their action on them to the Hazleton convention, which will take final action.

MRS. CHADWICK MUST DO TIME

She Will Be Taken to Penitentiary Next Thursday

IF SUPREME COURT DOESN'T INTERVENE

Of This So-Called Sorceress of Finance Does Not Feel Assured. She Takes No Interest in Any Talk on That Subject—Is Ready To Go to Columbus.

Cleveland, Dec. 14.—According to present plans, Mrs. Cassie L. Chadwick will be taken to the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus one week from today. The thirty days' time limit in which an appeal to the United States supreme court can be made, following an adverse decision by the circuit court of appeals will expire next Wednesday. Mrs. Chadwick apparently believes she has no chance to escape serving a penitentiary sentence of ten years.

The woman takes no interest in talk that her case will be carried before the supreme court, and shakes her head doubtfully when it is mentioned. She says she is all ready to go to Columbus. United States Marshal Chandler, himself, accompanied by one of his deputies, will deliver the famous sorceress of finance to the penitentiary officials.

New Hall of Fame.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—A national hall of fame, to be devoted exclusively to statues of women, is contemplated in a bill which William H. Condon of Chicago is preparing, and which will be introduced at the present session of congress.

THRILLING RIDE IN AIR

Chicago Electrical Engineer Sails an Airship.

ENCOUNTERS GREAT DANGER ON HIS TRIP

His Greatest Peril Is from the Intense Cold.

The Start Is Made at 4:30 and Is Finished Half an Hour Later. Covers a Distance of Three Miles. The Ship Strikes a Smokestack in Its Descent—No Damage Is Done. Something About New Ship.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—With the daring of a man who faces death for the mere excitement of it, Horace B. Wild, thirty-two years of age, Wednesday afternoon, for the first time in his life, made a flight in an airship. He soared to a height of 2,500 feet above the ground.

After a series of thrilling experiences, he returned to the earth safely three miles from where he started on his trip in a machine which never had been tested before. His flight was over Grand Crossing and startled the laborers in the factories of the district.

His greatest peril was the danger of losing his hold on the machine on account of the cold. Twice his numb fingers slipped from their grasp on pride. It is to continue and better the conditions that the leaders are urging the demand for union recognition. A strike the coming spring would be prolonged, for bank officials from both the upper and lower coal regions report that the balances of the miners are larger than in any previous years.

The start was made at 4:30 p. m. at Sixty-Seventh street and Stony Island avenue. The finish of the perilous journey came thirty minutes later.

All Well for a Time.

For a time, all went well, the dirigible machine moving to the south smoothly. Then came trouble. Wild suddenly realized that the engine operating the propeller had stopped because the supply of gasoline was exhausted. With that came to the airship man the realization that he was going higher and higher and had no means of propelling the ship in the direction of the earth.

Holding to the ship by the net above his head, his feet swinging free above the frame work, he hit away at the rope and let the gas out.

He grasped the valve in his hands and stayed the downward fall of the ship. But he was not quick enough to prevent its nose from striking the tall smokestack of the Grand Crossing trolley factory. He managed to slide over it by tilting the ship's frame and then descended over and beyond the roof of the big building.

The Greatest Danger.

Then Wild encountered the greater danger of all the trip. His machine dipped down to within a dozen or more feet of the Lake Shore railroad tracks in front of an approaching express train.

By this time, he was almost unconscious. The machine was being carried along with the wind, and he was unable to effect a landing. Finally at Eighty-Second street and Madison avenue, he managed to drop his trail line. He finally released some more gas and the machine dropped with a thud, the wind bouncing it over the ground.

Wild was found beneath the bag of the ship. He was not hurt beyond a severe shaking up. The airship is a Chicago production. It is seventy feet long from tip to tip, and is made on a plan similar to that of the Knabenhusen ship. It is called the Eagle and is owned by A. J. Jones. Wild designed the engine, which is twelve horsepower, and C. F. Rhodes made the bag.

Wild is an electrical engineer and has a wife and a child. He says he is ready to take another sail as soon as the bag can be refilled.

A PACKET SINKS; FOUR DROWNED

The Boat Collides with a Tow of Coal in a Heavy Fog.

Brownsville, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Pittsburgh and Morgantown passenger packet, Rose Hite, collided with a tow of coal near Lock No. 5 today, and immediately sank. Four of its deck hands were drowned. Sam Bender, forty, of Williamsport, and three negro roustabouts, names unknown, of Pittsburgh, were dead. Twelve passengers aboard the packet were rescued uninjured. The accident was due to a heavy fog.

SHERIFF DROWN CHOOSES DEPUTY

Albert C. Johnston Will Fill the Position.

THE APPOINTEE AN AGOSTA RESIDENT

Mr. Johnston is a Man of Much Ability and Is Well Qualified To Fill the Position—Selection Pleasing to Residents of County, Regardless of Party.

Sheriff-elect E. E. Drown Thursday announced the appointment of Albert C. Johnston of Agosta as his deputy. For a number of weeks there has been much speculation as to who was to be honored with the deputyship, and the excellent choice made by Sheriff-elect Drown will meet the most hearty commendation of the Republicans of Marion county as well as citizens generally.

Mr. Johnston is a man of ability and well qualified for the duties of the office. He was born in Green Camp township, and after receiving

APPOINTMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Those Who Will Serve in the Fire Departments.

THE FIREMEN ENJOY A TURKEY DINNER

Press Representatives Entertained at a Feast Which Is Followed by the Announcement of the Chief as to Assignments for Duty at the Stations.

Following a turkey dinner at the Central station at noon, Thursday, at which members of the department and press representatives were present, Fire Chief McFarland announced his assignments for the new and old engine-houses. They were as follows:

Central station—James A. Butler, captain; Charles Thurston, driver of chemical and hose wagon; Edward Fetter, pipeman; George Kelly, driver hook and ladder wagon; Eugene Stafford, ladderman.

West End department—H. D.

THIRD VICTIM OF EXPLOSION

Henry Hocter Dies at the City Hospital Wednesday.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT STILL A MYSTERY

Hocter Recovers Consciousness, but a Moment and His Condition Does Not Permit of His Being Questioned as to the Accident and Its Cause—Leaves Large Family.

Henry Hocter, aged forty-five years, the third victim of the fatal boiler explosion at the Fairbanks stone quarries last Friday morning, died at the City hospital, Wednesday at 4:30 a. m. The immediate cause of death was progressive paralysis, superinduced by a blood clot on the brain, due possibly to a fracture of the inter-table of the skull.

Monday, Hocter regained consciousness and was able to answer one or two questions, but soon lapsed into a state of coma from which he never again emerged. He had also suffered a compound fracture of the right lower jaw and the lower portion of his body was frightfully burned. Aside from these injuries a severe scalp wound appeared on the back part of the head and deep cuts over both eyes. He was probably hit by some of the flying boiler iron.

Everything that skilled surgery and trained nursing could accomplish was done to save his life, but Tuesday his sinking condition foreshadowed the end, his death probably forever enveloping in mystery the real cause of the terrible accident. Hopes had been entertained that he would regain consciousness long enough to throw some light on the accident, but at no time did his condition permit of such inquiry.

Mr. Hocter was employed as foreman at the Fairbanks quarries for several years and was known as a very careful man. His employer placed explicit confidence in him and no one outside the immediate family feels the sorrow caused by the accident more than James G. Fairbanks, the owner of the quarries. Mr. Hocter lived at No. 463 east George street and is survived by a widow and seven children, the latter being James Hocter of Columbus, John, Joseph, Michael, Mary, Clara and Martha Hocter of this city.

The funeral service was held at St. Mary's church, Friday at 8 o'clock, followed by interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

BOER SOLDIER IN PIANO BOX

Police Find Von Warendorff in Peculiar Position.

RELATIVES KILLED DURING BOER WAR

Man Claims He Has Been Robbed When Drunk and Is Placed in the Piano Box—Police Think He Is Placed in the Box by His Friends. The Story as Told.

A man in a piano box located in an alley in the rear of No. 139 south Main street caused a burglary scare, Thursday at 3 a. m. William Tracey, a printer, who lives in that vicinity, called the police. Officers John McDonough and A. J. Bond responded and, hearing groans issuing from the piano box, took off the lid and found Otto Von Warendorff, aged twenty-four years, nearly frozen to death. Apparently the man had been robbed and thrown into the box. He was taken to police headquarters, where he told his story.

Von Warendorff claimed to have been a soldier all through the Boer war and carried both his father and grandfather from the battlefield dead. As he had no other living relatives he came to America, and until Wednesday was employed as a cook at the camp for the Erie laborers in the West End. He secured his pay about noon and intended to leave in the evening for Philadelphia, but he fell in with some congenial companions and got drunk. The result was that he was later robbed of \$28 and placed in the piano box, he claimed, as he was without money when found. However, the police are inclined to believe that the Boer soldier spent most of his money for drink and that he was put in the box by his companions to get rid of him, after he was too drunk to walk around.

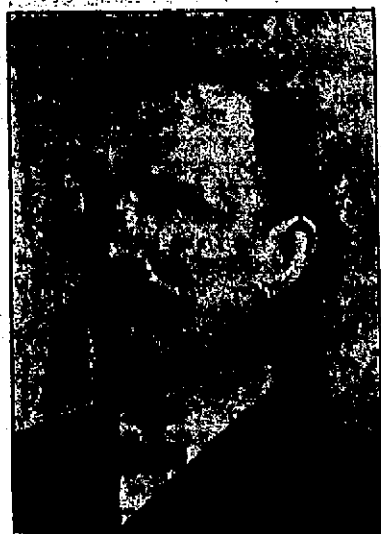
Von Warendorff talked German fluently and claimed to be able to converse in four other languages. As he was sober when found by the police, he was not locked up, but permitted to return to the Erie laborers' camp.

Mrs. E. E. Drown, after visiting with friends at La Rue and Delphos and vicinities for the last week, returned to her home yesterday.



ALBERT C. JOHNSTON,
The Newly-Appointed Deputy Sheriff.

the education which the facilities of that community afforded, spent four years at Ada, Ohio, and Ridgeville, Indiana, in which colleges he completed his scholarship and prepared himself for the business career he has enjoyed. After twelve years of successful teaching and serving the community of his home two years as assessor, he moved to Agosta, where he did a general real estate business and notary public work, also serving in the capacity of justice of peace and assessor of Montgomery township. Being appointed manager and bookkeeper of the Agosta Grain company he worthily held these positions and became half owner in the plant. Having sold his business to C. O. Barnt-



EASTON E. DROWN,
Who Today Named His Deputy.

house, he has spent the last two years in repairing and improving his farm.

Mr. Johnston is now the mayor of Agosta, and at the conclusion of his term, January 1, will have served in that capacity seven years. He has been a member of the council for many years. He is also clerk of the school board and has been a member of this body for twelve years, serving in both the capacity of president and treasurer. He has identified himself with every philanthropic movement and has been a factor for enterprise and improvement in Agosta.

Mr. Johnston will move to this city with his family as soon as he is able to secure a residence.

PROBATE COURT.

The will of the late J. C. Walter was filed for probate Wednesday.

A marriage license has been issued to Samuel H. Dowell and Grace E. Fryman, both of this city.

Uline, captain; Hudson L. McClinton, driver hose wagon; John P. Ebert, pipeman; Elmer Tweedie, extra.

The new assignments will go into effect, Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. Thursday members of the board of public safety visited the new engine-house on a final tour of inspection.

With its two fire departments, Marion expects to assume metropolitan airs and some time in January Chief McFarland will have at his service a wagon for his personal use in making runs to all fires. The wagon is now being made by the Houghton-Merkle company and the handsome grey known as "Mac" will have the honor of being the chief's horse. "Barney" and "Dan" will draw the hook and ladder wagon and "Toby" and "Riley" will be taken to the West End department.

For the present the hook and ladder wagon and the chief from the Central station will respond to all fires. No. 1 will cover all territory east of Leader street, Prairie street and Blaine avenue; the intersection of cross streets being Church street, No. 500, Columbia 500, Bellefontaine avenue 550, Silver street 500, Garden City pike 700 and west on Center street to 800.

No. 2 will cover all territory west of Leader street, Prairie street and Blaine avenue, the intersections of cross streets being at Church street No. 500, Columbia 500, Bellefontaine avenue 550, Silver street 500, Garden City pike 700; east on Center street to 236, north on State to 215, south on State to 200, north on Main to 300, south on Main to 300, north on Prospect street to 215, south on Prospect to 200, north on Oak to 215, east Church to 200 and west Church to 200.

Horses will be hitched at both departments on all alarms and remain hitched ten minutes. On the second alarm, which will be 2-2-1, both companies will respond.

In connection with the turkey feast mentioned above it might be said that the turkey was a prize one and was drawn three weeks ago by Fireman Kelly and cost him fifteen cents. Since then the boys of the department have been fattening it for Thursday's spread.

The federal grand jury at Toledo, on Friday, indicted C. L. Nutter, of near Nevada, who, it is claimed, destroyed a mail box on a route out of Harmer. Nutter is now a prisoner in the Toledo jail.—Upper Sandusky Chief.

The county commissioners and County Surveyor Edward S. Ault were out Wednesday viewing the route of the proposed Firstenberg ditch in Green Camp township.

"MANHATTAN" FOR QUALITY.

Home of
Useful
Holiday
Gifts.

Santa Claus!

Any purchase made here will be gladly exchanged after Christmas.



We'll lay aside any purchase until Xmas and promise not to say anything about it.

Packages delivered to any part of the city.

The Old Fellow Will Here Before You Know It.

If you'll stop to count them you'll find that there remains but six more buying days until Christmas.

Ours is the logical gift store of Marion, the sterling quality of any gift bought here makes it doubly valuable with the receipt.

Our preparations for this, the most important shopping period of the year, are complete and we cordially invite you to take a peep at our display of the very newest holiday novelties. Your not being ready to buy will not interfere with your welcome—we want you to come in and see for yourself and satisfy yourself that our "boast" of being "Marion's home of the useful holiday gifts" is not an idle one.



Smoking Jackets

\$4 to \$15.

They are the ideal gifts for men and you have dozens of new designs to select from here. All this season's styles and colors "carried over" on shelves.

Gloves.



This has long been known as Marion's leading glove store. We have not taken any backward strides in that respect lately either. Every kind of a glove can be found on our tables and we can fit any shaped hand, man or boy, for dress, driving or work.

Bath Robes

\$3.50 to \$6.50.

The very latest designs in Terry Cloth, Eiderdown and Blanket Cloths, made up in a thoroughly dependable manner; also with some semblance of a fit to them.



Umbrellas.

LADIES' OR GENTS.

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THE MINERS GATHERING

The Convention Is To Discuss Wages and Hours.

AGREEMENT OF 1902 VERY SATISFACTORY

The Public Would Deplore Another Coal Strike.

Spirit of Antagonism Between the Miners and Mine Operators Has Almost Disappeared—Permanent Board of Arbitrators Is Suggested. Miners Will Not Make Radical Demands, It Is Said.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Dec. 13.—The convention of anthracite mine workers at Shamokin, to formulate demands to take the place of the existing three year agreement which expires next April, is the first similar meeting since the one which concluded the strike in 1902. That convention accepted the proposition of President Roosevelt for the appointment of a strike commission to adjudicate, after a thorough examination of the conditions in the coal fields, and after hearing the contentions of the mine workers and the operators, what was due the mine workers.

The concessions granted to the mine workers by that strike commission have resulted in two years and a half of such prosperity as the mine workers have never before known, and at the same time prices for coal higher than the public have ever before paid. It is claimed that the coal companies received \$30,000,000 each year from the increased cost of coal, and that of this amount, the advanced wages of the mine workers, the decreased hours of work and the sliding scale increase required the payment of about half. If these figures are correct, the coal operators have made a yearly profit since the strike of \$15,000,000 more than they made before it, while the mine workers have gotten the other \$15,000,000.

Against Another Strike. The public in the anthracite fields, and the public generally, reports would indicate, does not view another strike with favor. It is apparent that unless the mine workers were greatly provoked, as for instance, by an attempted reduction in wages, they would not in the event of a strike get the same sympathy of the public which aided them so much in winning the strike of 1902.

The average yearly earnings of the mine workers during 1903 was \$491.43, while the average earnings for 1904 showed an increase over this figure of \$82.85, or a total average of \$574.28. The figures for the present year have not yet been compiled by the state officers, but it is expected that they will show an increase in the average wage over that of 1904. This average includes the wages of breaker boys, numbering 24,134, and is that of 160,000 mine workers of all classes.

Antagonism Disappears.

During the period in which the strike commission's award has been in effect, there has disappeared almost entirely the spirit of antagonism between the mine workers and the mine officials which was so apparent before the strike. Each side seems to understand the other better, and to have a more friendly feeling for each other. This is largely due to the operations of the conciliation board, which, by hearing and adjusting numerous grievances, has not only prevented strikes, but has shown a spirit of fairness that its continuance demanded by mine workers and operators alike as the most satisfactory plan of settling disputes which are certain to arise, despite the best intentions of each side to live up to the spirit of the agreement. The one complaint against it was due to the time taken to settle the grievances. A permanent board composed of mine workers, a representative of the operators and an outsider is now suggested with the understanding that the members shall visit the collieries, where the grievances arise, study the conditions and hear evidence there and give their decision without delay.

Operations Are Increased. During the past two years the operators, apparently certain of the future, have opened a number of new operations, which will materially increase the output of coal, and may within the next two years increase the number of mine workers to 170,000.

These are the conditions at present as viewed from an impartial standpoint. The demands which the mine workers talk of making are in brief, as follows:

An eight-hour day, instead of the nine-hour day now worked.

The weighing of coal and payment by weight instead of, as in portions

of the coal region, payment by car, where the so-called "ton" varies from 2,200 to 2,900 pounds.

Uniform wages for company hands and other daily workers in and outside of the mines, including an increase of from ten to twenty per cent. in their wages.

A Uniform Scale. A definite, and, as far as practicable, a uniform scale for rock, slate, water and all "dead" work, the prices for which now vary greatly and are a cause of frequent dispute.

Recognition of the union, which shall consist in stated meetings between the representatives of the operators and of the mine workers for the purpose of making trade agreements.

Besides these, the essential features of the present agreement not conflicting with the above, are to be continued, if the mine workers desires are granted.

It is planned that the convention shall take no radical action. It is likely that these proposed demands will be thoroughly discussed and the desire of the mine workers ascertained. That this will be tempered by the advice of President John Mitchell, and that the convention will appoint a committee consisting of President Mitchell and District Presidents Nichols, Fahey and Dettry, to meet, or try to meet, with the operators and arrive at some amicable agreement for the continuation of a peace which the mine workers will consider honorable.

The Operators' View. On the side of the operators, there is a general belief that there will be no strike. Those who submit to interviews say all indications are against a strike, that the operators do not want it, that the mine workers can not afford it, and that the public will not sanction it. They are equally firm in saying, however, that the operators will neither recognize the union nor grant the eight-hour day.

The eight-hour day demand may be opposed by the contract mine workers, who, engaging their men at a certain price for a day's work, realize that they could not expect as many cars to be delivered to them by the companies in eight hours as in nine. Other miners whose time in the mine each working day, rarely exceeds five or six hours, are also expected to oppose it on the ground that it takes the laborers nine hours to load the coal which they blow down each day.

As to the condition of the union itself to withstand a strike or to enforce its demands, it is stated by the union officials that it is stronger now than it has ever been. The organization tour of ten weeks during the summer by Mitchell and other officials resulted in thousands of new members flocking to the union, while thousands who had stopped paying their dues began again. In November a per capita tax for over 80,000 members was paid, and they have been joining since then. There are about 110,000 mine workers eligible to membership, and it is said that when the national convention meets in January, the anthracite region will have 100,000 members represented.

A FERMENT ON BALTIMORE

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dered to fire on you, we will not obey. We will not spare our cartridges, but they will not be directed against you."

The danger of a financial crash is still great and fears that a ruinous panic will come unless the present strike is settled are still entertained by financiers. The St. Petersburg bureau today sent a deputation to Premier Witte to urge the government to settle the postal and telegraphic strike at once. The delegation told Witte the government should accede to all the demands of the strikers without delay if this is the only way in which the strike can be ended. Otherwise the gravest financial consequences are certain to follow.

Wagon Loads of Candy. Our big Christmas candy counter is now piled high with hundreds of pounds of the purest and sweetest of Lust's home-made candies from the 5-cent grade to the finest chocolates. Churches and schools, get our prices. 30-wk12 J. W. Thew.

CHICAGO PRODUCE.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Butter—Extra creamery 23½; retailers 24½; prints 25½; firsts 19@21; seconds 17@18; renovated 19@19½; dairies, cooleys 20; firsts 18; ladies 16½@17; packing stock 15½@16; storage 22@22½.

Eggs—Fresh stock at mark 18½@22½; firsts 20; prime firsts 24; packed for city trade 26; storage 19.

Live poultry—Turkeys per pound 13; chickens, fowls 9½; roosters 7; springs 9½c per pound; ducks 10½@11; geese 6@9.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Saw mill in running order, double mill. Address W. W. care Star. 30-wk-1-s-12-p

Congressman Grant E. Mouser has been appointed a member of the committee on elections, No. 1, also of the claims committee.

MISS ALICE TO MARRY

President and Mrs. Roosevelt Announce Engagement.

WEDDING TO TAKE PLACE IN FEBRUARY

Congressman Longworth of Ohio Is the Happy Man.

Contempt Charge Likely Against Members of School Board. Who Are Said To Have Criticized Judge. Despondent Woman's Deed—Flying Splinter Produces Death. Diphtheria at Kent.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt have just made formal announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Alice Lee Roosevelt, to Nicholas Longworth, representative in congress for the First district of Ohio, one of the Cincinnati districts. Coupled with the announcement of the engagement is the additional announcement that the wedding will take place about the middle of next February. While arrangements for the wedding have not been made, it is expected it will occur at the White House.

Hon. Nicholas Longworth.

Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Hon. Nicholas Longworth, member of congress from the First Ohio district, whose engagement to Miss Alice Lee Roosevelt has been officially announced at the White House, is thirty-six years old, of large frame, good looking, with brown hair and eyes. He has the reputation of being a good fellow, tells a good story, sings a good song, and is an all-around good companion. For this reason, he is very popular both in this city and in Washington.

Mr. Longworth was educated at the Franklin school, Cincinnati, and later was graduated A. B. from Harvard. He spent one year at the Harvard law school, and graduated from the Cincinnati law school in 1894. He was admitted to the bar the same year. After serving in the Ohio house of representatives, he was elected to the state senate in 1901. He was elected to the Fifty-Eighth congress of the United States and re-elected to the Fifty-Ninth.

Aside from the fortune inherited from his father, he has been successful in investments in oil, cotton, coal and other southern interests. He is a large holder in railroads, and has other investments in and around Cincinnati.

Mr. Longworth is a member of the Metropolitan, Alibi and Chevy Chase clubs of Washington, the Queen City and Blaine clubs of Cincinnati, the Columbus club of Columbus, and the Somerset club of Boston, besides one or two shooting clubs. He is an enthusiastic golfer, and takes a keen interest in all athletic sports. He is an only son, and has three sisters, the Countess De Chambrun, Mrs. Belamy Storer, wife of the American ambassador at Vienna, and Mrs. Buckner Wallingford of this city. His mother makes her home in Cincinnati and Washington. The estate is one of the most extensive in this city.

Contempt Charge Possible.

Lima, O., Dec. 14.—The members of the board of education, it is stated, will be called before Probate Judge A. D. Miller to answer charges of contempt. In a trial before a magistrate a few days ago Janitor Spurrier was found guilty of exceeding his authority in running after a schoolboy some distance from the schoolhouse and chastising him. The case was carried to the probate court and Judge Miller also found Spurrier guilty and fined him \$40. The board of education ordered the fine paid out of the public funds and criticized the judge for his ruling.

No Arrests Made.

Lorain, O., Dec. 14.—The police have made no arrests in the destruction of property at South Lorain, where one \$4,000 building was weakened so that it collapsed and the plumbing in two new brick blocks was almost completely wrecked. The city became so aroused over the vandalism that the plumbers' union, which is on strike, certain members of which are suspected of being implicated, is now keeping gangs of strikers at work repairing the damage.

Relieved by Death.

Noted in agony from burns and other injuries received in an explosion of a heater in the engine room of the Sidney pole and shaft factory, where he had been employed as engineer. A gash three inches long was inflicted on his head and the flesh of his arms and hands came off when his clothes were removed. Noth leaves a wife and six children.

Swallowed Piece of Hatpin.

Lima, O., Dec. 14.—Miss Elizabeth Miller, 19, of West Cairo, O., will undergo an operation in a few days for the removal of a piece of a hatpin which is believed to be imbedded in her stomach. Miss Miller was holding

her hatpin between her teeth some time ago when she accidentally bit it in two and swallowed a piece.

Splinter Caused Death. Coshocton, O., Dec. 14.—Riley Young, 36, lost his life while felling trees, near Coshocton, for the McGregor Lumber company of this city. As a tree was falling a huge splinter, as big as a fence rail, suddenly shot forth as though hurled from a catapult, and struck Young square in the face, killing him instantly.

AT THE HOME OF BRIDE'S PARENTS

Miss Grace E. Fryman and Mr. S. J. McDowell Wed.

Miss Grace E. Fryman and Mr. Samuel J. McDowell were married at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McDowell of Garden street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. H. Bailey, pastor of Epworth M. E. church, and was witnessed by a company of friends and relatives.

Both the bride and groom are well known. Mr. McDowell is employed as a clerk at the Erie freight house.

DOWIE SAID TO BE FATALLY ILL

Has Been Confined to His Home for Ten Days.

Chicago, Dec. 13.—In the face of denials from officials high in the "Christian Catholic church," the report has spread through and beyond Zion City that John Alexander Dowie, "first apostle," and founder of Zion, is seriously ill, and may never be able to take up his work again.

That Dr. Dowie has not been outside his residence since a week ago Sunday was admitted by Deacon Newcomb and Overseer Spelcher today.

Mrs. Dowie, wife of the "first apostle," is suffering from malarial fever.

ANOTHER ELECTRIC LINE FOR MARION

Frank M. Ohl in City Looking After Project.

Vice President of Company States It Will Be but a Short Time Until Marion Is on a Trunk Line from Columbus to Toledo.

Frank M. Ohl of Toledo, vice president and general manager of the Fostoria, Carey, Upper Sandusky & Marion Electric Railway company, was in the city, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Ohl states that his company has franchisees from Fostoria to Harpster and is desirous of coming into Marion on another company's franchise, the Lima-Eastern Interurban company, if the latter is granted a franchise, and city officials say the franchise will be granted in all probability.

"It is only a question of a few years until there is a trunk line from Toledo to Columbus," said Mr. Ohl. "We will have our line started out of Carey toward Marion before another year. The spur of the Toledo, Findlay & Fostoria line is now constructed as far as Pemberville and it won't be long until it is built into Toledo. With the completion of our line to Marion it will be an easy matter to secure road rights over the Columbus, Delaware & Marion Electric Railway company into Columbus."

Mr. Ohl states his company has the proper financing and that before the close of 1907 it will be running its cars into Marion. The new road proposes to carry freight as well as passenger traffic and will parallel the Rocking Valley railroad as much as possible.

BLOW AT HEARST'S MAYORALTY CHANCES

The Supreme Court Decides Adversely on Petition.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 13.—On the ground that the lower courts were without authority or power to order a recount of the ballots cast at the mayoralty election in New York City, the court of appeals today reversed them, and denied the application of William R. Hearst, candidate for mayor on the Municipal Ownership ticket, for such a recount and canvass. The victory for Mayor George B. McClellan is complete.

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Beware of parties representing themselves to be agents for the Van Scoy Chemical Co. of Mansfield, O. They are infringers and impostors of our trade mark rights. Our goods bear our trade mark and name, Van Scoy. Our goods are not sold in bulk or under any other title than the Van Scoy Chemical Co. We respectfully call your attention that Mr. Charles Boyle of Mount Gilead is our legal authorized agent for Marion, O., and surrounding towns. We extend this notice in behalf of our customers who have been imposed upon from time to time in the past. Respectfully, Van Scoy Chemical Co., Mansfield. 13-12&w-k-p

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SATURDAY - DECEMBER 16

It must be a matter of regret to the coroner in New York that he can't "sit" on all those declared dead ones as a result of the insurance investigation.

Mr. Ide claims to have an insurance company which is well bred, of good disposition, perfect behavior and trained to stand without hitching.

In the future Mr. Morgan is liable to give some of his clerks the job of buying tapistries, bric-a-brac and works of art and do the inspecting of contemplated railroad purchases himself.

Dr. Parkhurst assured the readers of a syndicate of papers, Sunday, that the insurance frauds are awakening America. Some gentlemen who have been very eminent in the life insurance business for the last decade or two will probably feel that the doctor might have made a better choice in the tense of his verb.

Observing an item in the editorial columns of the Wyandot Union-Republican to the effect that the editor has lately had an opportunity to eat buckwheat cakes for the first time in four and a half years, we are led to conclude that the elder Mr. Cuneo is back from Turin or the younger has but lately recovered from a prolonged attack of indigestion. In either event, here's our compliments to the Union-Republican.

Despite the fact that Mr. La Follette goes to the senate, there will be nothing to prevent him giving Wisconsin a little absent treatment now and then.

What incentive will be left to run for the legislature if this cutting off of passes becomes chronic among the railroads?

The mathematicians are figuring on the problem of how long Mr. Bryan will have to stay abroad to bring the price of the silver in a dollar up to a hundred cents.

The New York Commercial says Senator Dewey looks more cheerful than he has for some time. Old age manifestly has its compensations. Forgetfulness at times approaches a blessing.

Senator Morgan thinks so little of the Panama route that he'd even prefer the northwest passage if it came to a show-down.

"Never marry a man to reform him," says Helen Oldfield in a heart-to-heart talk to the dear girls. As a matter of fact, girls, you're taking a certain amount of risk when you marry a reformed man.

The Corey style of ambition has proven the downfall of many a better man than the steel magnate appears to be.

Governor Wright speaks of the possibilities of the Philippines with all the enthusiasm of a real estate agent in boom times.

Now that Captain Amundsen has located the magnetic pole, we assume that Canada will feel it to be her duty to tack onto it a "Keep-Off-the-Grass" sign.

The practice of giving life insurance policies for Christmas presents is said to have become obsolete.

It's not too early to give warning that no Santa Claus outfit is complete without a fire extinguisher or two.

Unless Dame Rumor is utterly regardless of the truth there's a legion of Democrats, each on the anxious seat to know what Santa Claus Patison is going to put in his stocking.

President Diaz of Mexico also has begun a fight against the trusts, and it is said that it will be a successful one. But then, President Diaz hasn't an American senate on his hands.

We're anxiously waiting until someone refers to Mr. La Follette as one of the kids of the senate.

Senator Tillman might have stopped to remember that the really great artists seldom come on the stage with the rising of the curtain.

The outlook in the Democratic party begins to brighten. Colonel Bryan is away for two years, and now the Washington Post assures us that Webster Davis has quit the party.

There is talk to the effect that congress will be asked to provide a pension for the lonely. Why wouldn't it save both time and trouble for Mr. Ivis and Judge Parker to get together?

It's hard to understand where those insurance officials who have been separated from their jobs can get as good-paying ones, unless they know something about the newspaper business or can qualify for an engineer's berth on the Panama canal project.

There doesn't seem to be so much worry over the fact that Mr. Morgan was bitten in that C. H. & D. deal as there is over the uncertainty as to the identity of the party selected by him to take the bag off his hands.

The manner in which the Japs are receiving their home-coming victorious generals might lead to the suspicion that some of them are from Missouri on the question of the virtues of the Mikado's illustrious ancestors.

"Aunt Hetty" Green and "Uncle Russ" Sage aren't saying much, but they would like to be shown where they have materially assisted in supporting any dukelet.

These people who are talking so much about the fact that the late Mrs. Rogers was a woman seem to have overlooked the fact that she was also a murderess.

The Columbus Dispatch, after reflection, hits it off nicely by saying: "At any rate there is mighty little in the message that can be interpreted two ways."

Speaker Cannon refers to the house as the body directly representative of the people. Of course it is understood that Mr. Cannon still reserves the right to represent the house.

Mr. La Follette probably feels that the senate is more in need of a clean, good man than the state of Wisconsin.

Those Pittsburg Willies who adopted pink shirts for dress occasions, simply because an English captain set the example, will no doubt feel elated to learn that he wore the pink shirt only because "it was the only blooming clean shirt" he could find in his trunk.

ASTONISHING DEVELOPMENT OF AMERICAN AGRICULTURE.

The Star, in its telegraph news columns recently printed some crop statistics which ought to attract wide attention to the possibilities of production of the soil in the United States. The value of the staple crops for the current year, according to the statistics quoted, is \$6,450,000,000. When to this enormous amount is added the value of farm animals, it is difficult to realize the wonderful growth of agriculture in this country. The value of the corn crop is given at \$1,216,000,000—more than double the highest figures of any of the products of the soil.

These statistics have a deep significance, although of such magnitude as to be hardly comprehended on paper. They are significant because, with few exceptions, the country is comparatively sparsely settled, and in the not distant future the arid regions of the West will be brought under cultivation by irrigation, which will add millions of acres to the cultivable land area of the country.

The increase in production and the rise in the value of farm lands is primarily due to the better system of cultivation by labor-saving farm machinery and more scientific fertilization of the soil.

Ohio stands high in corn production, according to the government crop statistician. The problem of improving the quality of seed is, therefore, worthy of consideration by corn breeders.

One of the better methods, and also one of the cheapest is to select the best seed and plant in a field far enough from other growing corn to prevent adulteration by the transmission of pollen from inferior plants. The soil intended for the growing of seed should be well prepared, and fertilized. The specialization of seed production has proved to be profitable to the grower and resulted in producing a quality that is superior, both for market and for feeding, to the ordinary method of production. The experiment is worthy a trial.

The publishers of the Standard Dictionary have written to Governor Folk for permission to use his definition of the word, "graft," in the forthcoming revised edition of their work. Up to a late hour this afternoon they hadn't made a similar request concerning the governor's definition of the word, "plagiarism."

A Bellefontaine man has secured a divorce from his wife because she refused to live with him unless he quit smoking. Must be a case of a mighty good brand of tobacco or a rather indifferent brand of wife.

Chairman Harvey Garber's statement of Democracy's receipts and expenditures during the campaign lately closed shows that Marion county had its quota of patriots who contributed to the good cause. D. R. Crissinger put up an X, and so did F. E. Guthery, M. J. Burke, G. H. Foster, P. F. Foreman, L. M. Hipsher and John Key. S. H. De Long, J. W. Jacoby and B. G. Young were not quite so enthusiastic, but each deposited a V on the collection plate, which was commendable in the extreme in view of the fact that none of them, in all probability, had the slightest idea that his bit in any way resembled bread cast upon the waters. If our Marion county patriots don't secure recognition it will be a burning outrage. At the least, they should get a look-in at that board-of-trade ball.

It is safe to say that Mr. Hearst will not publish his real opinion of the New York supreme court.

MRS. TAGGART GONE FOR GOOD

So Says Law Partner of the Captain's Attorney.

STATEMENT BY HER ATTORNEYS

They Say She Will Be Back in Time for Hearing of Her Appeal to the Circuit Court—The Captain Is Notified of Her Action—Greatly Surprised at Action of His Wife.

Wooster, O., Dec. 14.—"I do not expect to see Mrs. Taggart back in Wooster. I think she is gone for good and that her disappearance with both of her boys this week will end the case."

This statement was made today by Eugene Carlin, law partner of Captain Taggart's attorney, E. S. Vertz. At the same time this contradictory statement is issued by attorneys for Mrs. Taggart:

"Mrs. Taggart has left town to secure quiet. She may be back in a few days. She is not gone for good, and will certainly be back in time for hearing of the appeal to the circuit court in February."

Mrs. Taggart left Wooster Monday afternoon. It was not until yesterday that her disappearance with the two boys reached the ears of Taggart's attorneys. Vertz has gone to Columbus, where Taggart is stationed. Carlin said today nothing would be done toward finding Mrs. Taggart and the boys until some word is received from Taggart.

At the home where Mrs. Taggart has lived since before the trial it is said all her goods and jewelry are still at the house. Her father, John Manville, of Chicago, is there.

Expect Her Back. Mrs. Taggart's friends and her attorneys, while they say they expect her back any day, declare they do not know where she is. Others believe she has gone to Chicago. That is the home of Mrs. James H. Shields, her sister.

Mrs. Taggart here has been under Judge Eason's order to keep the children in this county. Her attorneys say the appeal to the circuit court vacates this order and that Mrs. Taggart is entitled to leave without Judge Eason's orders. Taggart was here Sunday and visited the boys at Mrs. Taggart's home half an hour.

With Judge Smyser in congress, Judge McClarn and Attorney Critchfield now represent Mrs. Taggart. In their statement today, they said:

"The constant fear that they were to be taken from their mother made both boys nervous. The constant strain had also affected Mrs. Taggart's health. She felt it was due herself and the boys to get away a little while. We cannot say we know where she is, but we can find her whenever it is necessary. She is under bond and will be back for the hearing of the appeal or whenever it is necessary for her to be here."

The Father Talks.

Columbus, O., Dec. 14.—Captain E. E. Taggart cannot grasp the fact that his wife has fled from Wooster with their two children.

"I will not believe it, I cannot believe it. If she has taken the children, I will — oh, but she has not done it. She has too much sense for that," said the captain.

"If you learn, however, that she has taken the children away, will you make an attempt to secure the children?"

"Yes. The matter is in the hands of my attorney."

Ed S. Vertz of Wooster, Taggart's counsel, arrived here today and con-

ferred with Captain Taggart.

"Mrs. Taggart has fled with the children," said Vertz, "and she is now in contempt of court. When we get ready to go after the children, however, we will have no trouble in locating them and securing their return. I do not know where they are now."

Down at Newport. Cincinnati, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Grace Taggart and her two little boys, Culver and "Tiddies," for whose custody the sensational army divorce scandal was aired at Wooster, Ohio, are in Newport, Kentucky, at the home of Dr. Shaler Berry, No. 41 West Third street. There Culver is convalescing from an operation performed at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Covington, Wednesday.

FOUNDRY WORKMEN LEAVE POSITIONS

Nine Employees Leave the Fairbanks Steam Shovel Company.

Because he was accused by the management of having been careless in his work and of having lost a large number of rivets and small parts of boilers, Frank Moore, an employee at the Fairbanks Steam Shovel shops, resigned Thursday.

Shortly after Moore went to the office and drew his time, the entire force of men in the foundry-room gathered in the office and demanded of J. G. Fairbanks their time. Mr. Fairbanks met the demand of the men and the entire force, numbering nine, left the shops.

Mr. Fairbanks states that the reason for the men quitting their positions is unknown to him. He says that the positions of the men will be filled as rapidly as possible and that not one of the men who went out will be taken back.

***** OUTSIDE THE CITY. *****

The Thimble Club—Mrs. S. L. Wotring of Prospect entertained the members of the Thimble club and their husbands Tuesday evening.

Scott Town Dance—A number of Marion people were at Scott Town, Wednesday evening, attending a big dance given by the young people of the village. The affair lasted until after 1 o'clock Thursday morning.

Oyster Supper—An oyster supper will be given at the home of Lincoln McFarland, a mile west of Gurley, Friday evening, for the benefit of Rev. O. K. Foust, who has been preaching in a school-house near there.

Jones Funeral—The funeral of Mrs. John Jones was held at the Jones residence at LaRue, Wednesday at 10 o'clock, Rev. J. A. Sutton assisted by Rev. J. G. Curry officiating. Burial was made in the Fairview cemetery.

Operator Surprised—Miss Ada Lloyd, an operator in the Citizens' Telephone company's exchange at Radnor, was pleasantly surprised by a number of her friends, Tuesday evening, in celebration of her twentieth birthday anniversary.

Caledonia Dance—A small company tripped the light fantastic at Caledonia Wednesday evening. Those present from Marion were Misses Daisy Reese, Dessie Irwin and Maude Mahaffey, Messrs. Victor and Clyde Mahaffey and Wade Messenger.

Child Injured—According to information received from Agosta, Robert, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bidger of near Agosta, stuck the sharp point of a pair of scissors in the soft spot of his baby brother's head while at play, Thursday morning. It is not thought that the wound is deep enough to prove dangerous.

OTHO L. HAYS IS IN PENITENTIARY

Accompanied to Columbus by Wife and Daughter.

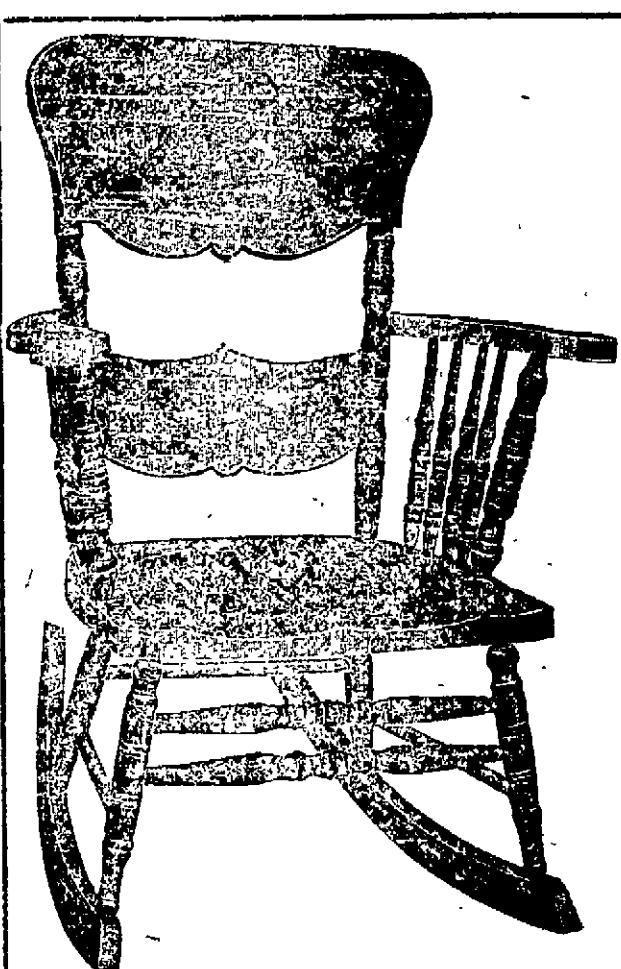
Otho L. Hays, a Galion banker, well known in this city, was received at the Ohio penitentiary from Cleveland to serve seven and one-half

McCLAIN'S.

You've One Week!

The Big Store urges you to make Christmas selections early in the week—Monday will be a better day than Tuesday; and Tuesday better than Wednesday when the crush will be on in full swing. There are mighty inducements in our **ROCKER STOCK** at all times and now the styles and prices are simply irresistible. There's no other gift that brings the giver to mind oftener than a comfortable

Rocking Chair.



FIT FOR ANY PARLOR.

This Golden, Quartersawn, Oak Finished Parlor Rocker, a beauty in every respect and worth three times the price asked but we want to know if you are reading our ads and we are sure if you read this one you will lose no time in obtaining one of these splendid chairs at the price we offer them. We show over 200 different styles of chairs on our first floor. We'll suit you.

FREE DELIVERY EVERYWHERE.

GET THE CASH HABIT. Beautiful Xmas Handkerchiefs.

WATCH OUR WINDOWS.

Nothing Touches the Spot Like a pair of Shoes, Stoppers, Leggings or Overgaiters for Christmas.

NEW YORK STORE has them at prices you can pay.

Pretty line of children's shoes received today.

years for violating the national bank- company to Columbus by his wife ing laws Wednesday. Hays, who is and daughter. It is expected that he about fifty-eight years old, was ac- will be given a clerical position.

F. E. BLAKE'S CITY FLORAL STORE

126 WEST CENTER STREET.

Here you will find a choice stock of Blooming Plants, Ferns and Palms. Canaries, Gold Fish, Aquariums, Jardinieres, Birch Bark Ware, Baskets, Christmas Bells of all sizes and styles. Christmas Trees, Holly, Wreaths—all kinds of Cut Flowers and other suitable articles for Xmas presents and decorations. Call and see my excellent showing.

All Mail Orders Given Prompt Attention.

F. E. BLAKE, Florist.

Open Day and Evening.

KLEINMAIERS.

"What shall I buy him for a Christmas Gift?"

If the "him" be a boy from 2-12 to 16 years, let us hint at something more useful than toys—pleasing today, broken and thrown aside tomorrow.



A VISIT TO OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT WOULD SUGGEST:

SUITS	\$2.00 TO \$ 8.50.
OVERCOATS	\$2.00 TO \$10.00.
REEPERS	\$1.50 TO \$ 6.50.
SWEATERS	.45 TO \$2.00.
WAISTS	.25 TO \$1.00.
NECKWEAR	.5 TO .50.
TOQUES	.15 TO .50.
TAN O'SHANTERS	.25 TO \$1.00.
CAPS	.25 TO \$1.00.
GLOVES	.25 TO \$1.00.
MITTS	.12 TO .50.
HOSE	.10 TO .25.

The celebrated "SAM PECK" children's clothing—Suits, Overcoats, Reefers, —will be found here exclusively. There's none better.

KLEINMAIERS.

Important News for Xmas Shoppers.

Frank's eleventh hour openings are always looked for with great enthusiasm by Marion people. They are always full of sensational announcements and this year will be no exception. Rare offerings in Xmas goods now ready.

Thousands and Thousands Dollars' Worth of Goods Suitable for Gifts Just Purchased By Us for 33 1-3 to 50c on the Dollar.

This was clean up week for all jobbers and manufacturers, and to make a clean sweep, they offered many wonderful bargains in attractive and desirable merchandise. Our buyers were there, with the usual result—got about what they went for at the low price. These prices cannot help but crowd this store as never before. Big surprises for all.

Thousands Dozens Handkerchiefs—Some Actually Go for 1-2 Price.

The savings on the prettiest Xmas Handkerchiefs Marion has ever seen, at this store is from 33 1-3 to 50 per cent. We had an opportunity to close out many surplus lines at tremendous price concessions. There'll be a lively scramble for these goods.

Women's 25c Handkerchiefs Only 15c.

The newest Handkerchiefs to date will be found among this assortment. There's a magnificent range of ideas, showing the most sought after designs in embroidery, hemstitching, etc., altogether rare 25c values to go during this sale, 15c.

Hundreds dozens ladies 15c Handkerchiefs	10c
Hundreds dozens ladies' 20c Handkerchiefs	12½c
Men's large size all linen Handkerchiefs	12½c

Women's 50c Handkerchiefs 25c.

This is a large line. The finest pure linen goods, beautifully embroidered. Some swell new ideas in hemstitching and drawn work. You simply cannot find better values anywhere for less than 50c. Come, a snap for all, 25c.

Men's embroidered linen Handkerchiefs	25c and 50c
Men's silk Handkerchiefs	\$1.00 to 25c
Women's 25c linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched	\$1.25 doz.

Elegant Xmas Silks From Four Renowned Makers, Way Under Price.

The Xmas silk values at this store will be rich and rare. We've got three times our usual assortment and we always have the most. They're one-third less than actual retail value. Our silks are fully guaranteed to wear.

75c takes our \$1.00 yard-wide black Taffeta.
\$1.00 yard takes our \$1.50 yard-wide black Peau De Soie.
\$1.00 yard takes our \$1.35 yard-wide black Taffeta.
\$1.25 takes our \$1.75 yard-wide black Taffeta.
\$1.35 yard for \$2.00 yd-wide black "Bonnet" Taffeta.

INDIVIDUAL WAIST PATTERNS—\$5.00 for \$12.50. Waist Patterns, in pretty boxes, black or white, Taffeta, Silk or Crepe du Chene, beautifully embroidered, a gift that will delight any woman, half price and less here.

An Umbrella Purchase—Many To Be Sold for 50c on the Dollar.

A gigantic Umbrella purchase, almost 1,000 Umbrellas included, a selection that will fairly dazzle all who see, strong values that are seemingly impossible. Took a large maker's entire over-surplus stock, all this firm had after filling Xmas orders.

95c buys \$2.00 Umbrellas, elegant handles. \$1.45 buys \$3.00 colored silk Umbrellas. \$10.00 ladies' colored Umbrellas, just think of it, \$5.00. Colored Umbrellas for children 50c. There's nothing missing in this line in up-to-date Umbrellas for men or women; right styles and prices are down where everyone can see that they're getting bargains that don't often happen.

A. Weiss & Co.'s, of New York, Fine Furs—A Remarkable Purchase Just Made. We Bought Them at 45c on the Dollar.

A. Weiss & Co., 123 Mercer Street, New York, failed. Warm weather ruined their fine fur business. We bought several thousand dollars' worth of this firm's high grade furs at 45c on the dollar. On sale now, just read these prices:

\$20 Fox Scarfs \$8.98. Extra size Isabella Fox Scarfs, 84 inches long. Fine, fluffy furs that are beautifully marked. We always sold this quality at \$20.00, now \$8.98. 150 other Fox Scarfs that are to be closed at prices never before known in Marion.	\$7.50 Opossum Scarfs \$3.98. Large size Isabella Opossum Scarfs, fine and choice, a scarf that never sells for less than \$7.50. Now they go for \$3.98. 300 other Isabella and sable and natural opossum Scarfs at \$1.98 to \$6.98, which is half price and less.	\$5 Brown Scarfs \$2.98. Large and fluffy brown opossum Scarfs that sell on sight at \$5.00, our price only \$2.98. Squirrel Ties go for \$5.00. Choice brook mink Ties \$3.98. Blended squirrel Ties \$5.00. Children's and misses' sets all reduced \$7.50 to \$9.00.
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Fine Fur Sets of Squirrel, Brown Marten, Jap Mink, Fox, Beaver, etc., all reduced to such low figures as to place them within the reach of all. Fine furs never have been sold as low before.

\$1 Xmas Kid Gloves 69c Pair.

300 pairs Kid Gloves, an importers' line and, by the way, the best \$1.00 glove we know of, just arrived, and to be placed on sale at 69c pair.

Xmas Perfumes Just Arrived.

We just opened today a complete line Colgate's celebrated Perfumes, Toilet Waters, etc., the best assortment we ever had. Perfumes by the bulk or in fancy bottles, all marked at low prices.

Two Great Cloak Purchases, 50 Per Cent Saved

400 Cloaks from Prince, Wolf & Co., and Fried Cloak Co., both of Cleveland, which we bought at half price, to be sold at the following prices:

\$15.00 45-inch black Zibeline Coats	\$7.98.
\$17.50 45-inch Kersey Coats go for	\$9.75.
\$17.50 45-inch Mixture Coats go for	\$9.75.
\$25.00 Kersey or Covert Coats	\$12.50.
\$60.00 fur lined Coats to close,	\$25.00.

D. A. Frank & Company.

JOHN BALDAUF IS QUITE BADLY HURT

Rafters of a New House Near Caledonia Collapse.

While working on a new house on the Crissinger farm near Caledonia, Wednesday afternoon about 2 o'clock, John Baldauf, a contractor residing on Vine street, fell and was quite badly injured.

The rafter on which Mr. Baldauf was working gave way and he was thrown to the cross-pieces or rafters below, a distance of fifteen feet. Fellow workmen hurried to his assistance and he was picked up and brought home in a buggy. He was attended by Drs. J. A. McMurray and A. Rhu and was found to be suffering

The Best Equipped Store

To supply Men's useful holiday gifts. Whatever is required to complete the wardrobe of a man or boy will be found here.

STRELITZS.

General Miner Relieved.
Washington, Dec 13—Orders have been issued by the war department

ment relieving General Charles W. Miner, retired, from further service with the Ohio militia after January 1.

JESSE BOYD DISCHARGED

Algie Carey, His Supposed Victim, Testifies for Him.

SHE DENIES TRUTH OF HER STATEMENT

Testimony Is Such That Court Dismisses the Case on Motion of Attorneys for the Prisoner—Trial Proves a Very Unusual One—A Crowd in Attendance.

That Jesse Boyd of Agosta is now a free man is due to the testimony given in the court of common pleas, Wednesday afternoon, by fourteen-year-old Algie Carey, the alleged victim of the criminal assault charged against him.

Following it Judge Young dismissed the case, and Boyd was given his liberty.

The remarkable testimony that brought about Boyd's dismissal consisted of a complete denial on the part of his supposed victim of the statements which she had made to the grand jury several weeks previously, and which had resulted in Boyd being indicted.

Statements the girl made before the grand jury against Boyd were read by Prosecutor Clark and as each was read the girl was asked if she had made such a declaration.

"I did, but it was not true," was the invariable answer which the girl made to the prosecutor's query.

"Do you mean to tell the jury that you made all these statements to the grand jury and willfully perjured yourself?" asked the prosecuting attorney, when he had reiterated all of the former testimony of the witness.

"I do," was the answer. The prosecutor wanted to know what had caused her to make false statements to the grand jury, and she said that her mother had "put her up to it." She said that in order to induce her to perjure herself she was promised new dresses and other presents and a trip to Philadelphia, where her mother had relatives living.

For fully a half hour the girl was kept on the witness stand while the prosecutor kept her answering a rapid fire of queries in hope that she would eventually admit that she had told the grand jury the truth, and that she had really been mistreated by Boyd. The girl remained cool, however, and seemed to find amusement in the proceeding.

The prosecutor had depended upon the testimony of the girl to bring about Boyd's conviction, and when she failed to substantiate her former statements, there was little but sentiment left against the prisoner.

Following the Carey girl's testimony, the trial was delayed for about a half hour by the late arrival of Clarence Thrush of Morral, another witness for the state. The alleged victim of the assault had worked at the Thrush home, and Boyd called on her at that place on several occasions.

It has been said that Thrush could give damaging testimony.

When Thrush finally arrived he was consulted by Prosecutor Clark and stated that he could not testify that Boyd was guilty. Then with the last hope of adding positive proof against the prisoner, the prosecutor

agreed, following a motion made by length

the attorneys for the defense, to have the case dismissed.

The nature of the testimony given by the Carey girl is in declaring that she had falsified in all that she had told the grand jury, is unprecedented in local court annals. The girl is said to be deeply in love with Boyd, and since his incarceration at the county jail she has visited him frequently and written him letters three and four times a week. Boyd says that he wants to marry the girl. It is probable that measures will be taken to have her sent to the Girls' Industrial home at Delaware.

Jesse Boyd was arrested at Agosta several months ago in company with his brother. Both are charged with criminal assault, it being claimed that they mistreated Algie and Alice Carey, sisters, Algie, aged fourteen, being the alleged victim of Jesse Boyd, and Alice, aged sixteen, the alleged victim of Arthur.

Among the witnesses examined was Marcus Shoup, probate judge of Green county, who was present with records to show that Jesse Boyd is over twenty years of age.

Judge Young gave both Algie and Alice Carey into the custody of their mother until further orders from the court.

In the suit for \$2,000 damages brought against the city of Marion by Rosa Martin guardian for Kenneth Wayne Weekley, City Solicitor Donithen has filed a motion to have certain clauses in the petition which he claims are prejudicial to the defendant eliminated.

Mrs. Martin sues for injuries which her ward received in falling through a plank sidewalk on Taming street, and the city solicitor objects to her petition stating that the city is charged with the responsibility of keeping sidewalks of the city safe and in good repair and fit for travel.

Nelson Reidenbaugh, charged by his wife with assault and battery, appeared before Judge B. G. Young late Wednesday afternoon and changed his plea to guilty. Judge Young, on account of extenuating circumstances, gave the accused the minimum penalty of \$5 and costs.

The jury which heard the suit of Samuel Croft against William F. Mack in the court of common pleas, Tuesday afternoon, returned a verdict giving the plaintiff judgment for \$10.50. Croft sued for \$65.50.

In the suit of Frank Behner against Arthur Behner, brought for the partition of their father's estate, Judge Young has granted the partition. The progress of this suit has been delayed considerably by the request of Grant Key, as executor to be made a party defendant for the settlement of certain indebtedness, particularly a claim of \$2,000 which it is claimed Frank Behner owes the estate.

Next Monday, Judge Dow of Bellefontaine will be in Marion, and will hear the motion to dissolve the temporary injunction granted by Judge Young several months ago against the proposed improvement of the Little Scioto river.

The county commissioners, who were in Green Camp, Wednesday, with County Surveyor Ault and viewed the route of the proposed Firstenberg ditch, granted the petition for the improvement and set January 30 as the date for the final hearing. The ditch will be about one mile in length.

Fancy China for Presents.

Besides reasonable prices, the assortment is so beautiful, new and novel, that selection is not only profitable here but enjoyable.

Large decorated sugar and cream, set, 25c.

Beautiful decorated salad dishes, 20, 25, 50c to \$3.00.

Decorated bread plates, 10, 25, 45c to \$2.00.

Decorated Japanese hair receivers, 25c.

Decorated cups and saucers, 10c.

Fancy Japanese decorated cups and saucers, regular 50c grades, for 25c.

Decorated spoon trays, 25c.

Decorated celery trays, 58c.

Japanese China salt and peppers, 5 cts. 10c.

Colonial shaped glass cigar jar with solid lid, for 89c.

Beautiful bisque figures, 5 and 10c.

Fine imported water sets, \$1.70.

Handsome glass water sets, 50c to \$1.00.

Special lot decorated sauce dishes, some worth 25c, to close out, 25c.

Glazed jardiniere in the new blended colors, good sizes, 25c to \$1.00.

Umbrella stands, novel styles, \$1.50.

THE ARK.

Butchering Time.

Is now on hand. We have the necessities for it, such as:

Salt, 1 bbl \$1.00

Less than 1 bbl, 10 lbs for 5c

1 sack regular packers, 200 lbs 85c

5 lbs butcher pepper \$1.00

Less than 5 lbs, per lb 25c

Boiled cider, per quart 30c

Sweet cider, per gallon 25c

Darkest brockn sugar, lb 43½c

5 lb grain pepper \$1.00

We want your Produce, as our city trade is growing rapidly. Our prices will please you. We pay the highest market price and one cent premium for good eggs.

Consumers' Wholesale Grocery. Y. N. C. A. Bldg.

A FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Meeting Opens at Caledonia Monday Morning.

PROGRAM A VERY INTERESTING ONE

The Attendance Is Very Good and State-Speakers and Practical Farmers Give Many Fine Points on Farming and Gardening—Care of Machinery Noted.

The twenty-first annual Marion county farmers' institute was opened at Caledonia at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

The attendance was fairly good but owing to the delay in assembling the morning session was a very short one.

The program arranged for the morning was opened with music and an invocation offered by Rev. James Gray, pastor of the M. E. church.

J. S. Brigham, a state speaker and a prominent farmer residing at Bowling Green, made a brief address, his subject being "Skill in Farming." The speaker devoted his time to a practical talk of matters relating to market gardening and was heard with a great deal of interest.

W. G. Farnsworth of Waterville was the next speaker and he gave some points on "When and How to Spray." His talk, which was also a very short one, was confined to the spraying of apples.

The afternoon session was opened at 1:30 o'clock that afternoon and a very interesting program arranged for the session was opened.

Afternoon Session. Caledonia, Dec. 12.—[Special.]—The afternoon session of the Marion County Farmers' Institute opened at 1:30 o'clock with a large attendance, Monday.

A song, "The Plow, Spade and Hoe," was followed by the question-box. After the questions had been answered and discussed the following persons were appointed as a committee on resolutions:

Messrs. W. H. Likens, G. W. Douce and L. J. Russell.

Joseph Klinefelter of Marion then read a paper on "Economy on the Farm." He first spoke of how to economize in work by doing such work as repairing fences and cutting wood before the spring work commences. Then by raising the things on the farm which are best adapted to the soil and most remunerative.

Proper preparation of soil and good cultivation also aid in adding to the bank account.

True economy consists in planting only as much as can be properly cultivated. To plant a large crop and then neglect it was considered by the speaker as the poorest of poor economy. In harvesting the crops is especially where one should show that the plans are well matured.

During the harvest season is the time to display one's energy so that nothing may be lost. The safety of the crops depends greatly on the shortest space of time occupied for harvesting.

Many farmers lose a great deal by allowing too much time to lapse between the time the grain is fully matured and harvested.

The farmer should employ extra help only when he can make or save money by so doing. Again, he said, economy should be used in buying farming machinery. Buy just what you want and of dealers whom you know to be honest. In like manner he spoke of every part of the farm life where time, labor and money could be saved, and especially in caring for the little things.

One command of our Lord is to gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

At 2 o'clock W. G. Farnsworth took the floor and gave an interesting talk on "How We Grow and Handle Potatoes."

The speaker said that the first essential thing was to have the ground properly plowed and prepared, and then see that you have good seed. He advised the farmers to winter their seed by placing potatoes in a long pit, then covering with a layer of straw, then one of earth. After the ground freezes another layer of straw and earth should be added. The second covering keeps the frost in the ground and prevents sprouting early in the spring. Remove potatoes in May and prepare for planting. Plant the rows about two feet and ten inches apart.

Potatoes should be harrowed just before coming through the ground and plowed numerous times to free them from weeds. Potato blight can be partially stopped by spraying.

The talk was followed with a song by the choir.

Mr. W. O. Moser read a very interesting paper on "Does It Pay?" He spoke of a man who had always lived in the city but who was desirous of a change in vocation. He preferred agriculture if he found it to be profitable and in order to make inquiries he drove from Ft. Wayne to Canton. At the first farm-house where he stopped, he found the owner's first thought was to make his work profitable by saving expenses. In order to do this, he used but little machinery and none of that of

modern invention.

The work was done hastily in order to save time. The farmer's children were kept from school to work and thus deprived of their education; and in every way the visitor saw that what he saved in expenses was lost in waste.

At a second place where he stopped the appearance from the front was in accordance with the best kept farms, but a view at the rear of the house showed that the farmer lacked in a great many things. He failed to have any system in his work, hence much was lost by having his work crowd him. He did not have his farm well tiled, and thought it a loss of time to spray fruit trees.

By shift and carelessness much was lost to the farmer, and the visitor considered that did not pay. He had about decided to give up the idea of being an agriculturist when on the last night of his travel he stopped at a farm where the proprietor was well educated and conducted his work in accordance with the times. He had good barns and sheds and looked after the welfare of his stock as well as his family. He studied and read and thereby knew what crops would be most profitable. He used modern machinery and had it well kept.

After a long talk on his success at farming the visitor felt convinced that there was only one way to make it pay and that was to use precaution, to study the nature of the soil and raise crops adapted to that soil, in fact to do just what you can and do that well.

J. S. Brigham followed with an address on "The Farmer's Garden." He said:

Every family should have a garden if possible and to have a good one select the best soil you have and have it as near the house as possible. It should slope to the southeast.

Begin on the west side and plant fruit, grapes, blackberries, raspberries, currants, gooseberries, and last, strawberries. Begin on the east side and plant the drill stuff such as parsnips, onions, radishes, etc. This will leave a space in the middle for a path. Have the ground thoroughly drained and as rich as possible, then plant about the middle of March. Try to have a hot-bed for plants grown by this method will be too tough for the bugs that generally bother them, to destroy.

After a song by the choir the meeting was adjourned until evening.

Tuesday Morning Session.

The Tuesday morning session of the Farmers' Institute opened with a song by the choir.

W. G. Farnsworth gave a talk on "How To Maintain and Increase Farm Fertility." He said that all soil had a good bit of fertility, but it was not all available and then went on to tell how to maintain it.

The main thing is to remove the surplus moisture which is done by drainage. The three elements in soil are warmth, moisture and air, and the three kinds of moisture are film, capillary and surplus. He gave a full description of each of these, adding that if the air be excluded from the soil it did not allow the fertility to decompose and thus be available to plant life.

The air, which is essential to plant life, is admitted by removing the surplus moisture.

By proper tillage and having the soil fine it will hold more moisture. If the ground is well worked it becomes loose and holds a more uniform amount of moisture.

The speaker referred to the necessity of saving barnyard manure and using it for fertilizer. In so doing, humus is added to the soil, making it pliable and mellow. A good plan is to plow under green crops such as clover, cow peas and alfalfa, for they add much to the vegetable matter in the ground. He closed by advising farmers to lay a good foundation for tanning by good drainage and using all their fertilizer.

L. J. Russell spoke on "Good Roads," giving the history of some of the earliest roads of this country. In the earlier time there was no attention paid to roads. The first improved road was called the Old York road and was built between New York and Philadelphia. The second was called "The Wilderness" and was located in the Shenandoah valley.

These roads were of great value to early settlers, who had no means of conveyance except by wagon routes. The next was the "Lancaster road," and connected Philadelphia and Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

This one was almost a total failure in its construction. In 1836, the government set aside \$20,000 for the improvement of public roads and since that time much interest has been taken in this work.

The rest of his talk was based on the modern improvement of country roads.

J. S. Brigham then gave a discourse on "Some Profitable Crops" and told how to grow crops on small acreage. He said that the onion would grow on the same land year after year and was proving itself a profitable investment to gardeners. Wood ashes and barnyard manure make good fertilizers and should be used lavishly. He advised plowing over in the spring. Cabbage grows well on clay land or proves productive when planted on good corn land. The plants should be set out two and a half feet apart when the ground is moist and mellow.

Most any kind of soil is adapted to celery raising if it has plenty of moisture.

Mr. Brigham's talk was very interesting.

Tuesday Afternoon Session.

Caledonia, Dec. 13.—[Special.]—The Tuesday afternoon session of the Farmers' Institute opened with a piano duet by Misses Roma Dickson and Jessie Kinnaman, and a recitation, "Naughty Zell," by Roma Dickson.

A number of questions were then read and answered and a paper, "The Old Time Farm," was read by Mrs. Sue K. Burl.

A recitation by Miss Carl Clouse, "Too Late for the Train," was given much applause.

Mrs. George Campbell read a paper, "The Boys and Girls of the Twentieth Century," in which she contrasted the farm life of our forefathers with those of the present time. She said that in earlier days young men did not wait to accumulate wealth before endeavoring to make a home, but shouldered his ax and cleared a small place in the forest in which he built his one-room log cabin.

The bride who came to this cabin was a helpmate and also placed her shoulder to the wheel. The young man of today uses machinery of late inventions to lessen his labor, he has every convenience in education, has the telephone and electric cars, plenty of good literature to keep him posted on the issues of the day and, in fact, everything to promote moral, physical and mental capabilities.

J. S. Brigham gave a very good talk, "Improving Our Corn Culture." The speaker referred to the fact that Illinois and Iowa alone produce more corn than entire Europe.

Every corn plant possesses an individuality, something in which it is different from other individuals, and this forms the basis of corn breeding. If we are remiss in the selection of the seed corn we grow a strain of corn which is much lower in yielding capacity and power than the variety begun with.

Be sure to have good seed and plant that in a good seed bed which has been properly prepared, for you can do more and better work before the crop is planted than afterwards. An acre of good corn ought to produce from 8,000 to 9,000 stalks. In raising corn be sure to have the variety adapted to the soil and climate.

Indian corn is the principal crop of the United States and is distinctly an American product. The corn belt lies in the center of the nation and is about 1,000 miles long and 400 miles wide. Properly grown and selected seed will often produce fifteen bushels more corn to the acre than unselected seed of the same variety.

The speaker also gave some very good advice on the mode of selecting and caring for seed corn.

A fine piano and mandolin duet by the Misses Roma and Mabel Dickson was followed by Mr. Farnsworth, who spoke on the "Farm Team."

In choosing a team for farm purposes, look at the head and select intelligent animals which are judged by the eyes. A good horse has bright eyes, ears pointing forward, not too thick throat, and carries his head well up. Have your team matched as to disposition and ability so that they will work well together and be equal in spirit. They must be good walkers to be profitable for your work.

Train them to mind your word and control yourself if you wish to control them. Never lose your temper if you do not want a balky horse. Try to have a variety of feed for your horses for they, like people, tire of the same food day by day.

From twelve to fifteen pounds of hay ought to be enough for one horse a day. Be sure to have your harness fit properly or, as a summary, aim to secure horses adapted to your work, then see that they secure proper treatment.

A song by the choir closed the session.

MERIWETHER REPRIMANDED

Secretary Bonaparte Writes to the Midshipman.

DUTY IS IMPOSED BY COURT-MARTIAL

He Reminds the Young Man That He Violated His Oath and the Laws of His Country and Hopes a Useful Life May Atone for Past Faults of the Young Man.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Bonaparte of the navy, in pursuance of the sentence of the court-martial approved yesterday, has written a letter of reprimand to Midshipman Meriwether, which will be forwarded to the boy. The letter is as follows:

"Sir: You have been convicted of violating clause three of article VIII of the articles for the government of the navy by insulting and subsequently assaulting one of your fellow midshipmen, and of conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline by engaging in a fist fight with the same midshipman. These offenses on your part have led to a calamity so clearly unforeseen by you and so distressing that no words of reproof can be needed to make you feel their gravity. Your disobedience to the laws of your country, your forgetfulness of the full import of your oath, your yielding to fierce and angry passions when tempted by a sense of wrong, have borne fruits so bitter that your worst punishment has been already suffered. The merciful sentence of the court which tried you leaves you a member of the honorable profession you have chosen. In that great school of self-sacrifice and obedience a life useful to your country will, it is hoped, atone for the grave faults which have clouded the early years of your service. You will acknowledge receipt of this letter and it will be entered on your official record."

"Respectfully,
"Charles J. Bonaparte,
"Secretary."

CHOSEN HEAD OF THE MUTUAL

Charles A. Peabody Is Elected President Wednesday.

TO RECEIVE ANNUAL SALARY OF \$50,000

Eight Names Are Considered by the Nominating Committee for the Place—Peabody's Election Unanimous—Other Vacancies Are Filled—Acting President Thanked.

New York, Dec. 13.—At a meeting of the directors of the Mutual Life Insurance company today Charles A. Peabody was elected president at an annual salary of \$50,000.

Following the meeting, which lasted nearly two hours, a formal statement of Peabody's election was issued. It stated that the selection of a successor to Richard A. McCurdy had been left to a committee comprising Directors Gerry, Truesdale, Fish, Clark and Jarvie, who, after considering eight names for the position, decided upon Peabody as the most available man, and so reported today.

Peabody's election was unanimous, thirty out of thirty-four trustees being present and all voting for the resolution naming him.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Rufus W. Peckham of the supreme court of the United States was filled by the selection of Peabody and that caused by the retirement of Secretary of State Elihu Root by the selection of Emory McClintock.

Acting President Cromwell will be relieved January 1, when Peabody assumes office as treasurer of the Mutual. He was heartily thanked by the trustees for his work as acting president at today's meeting.

MRS. PETER POWELL DIES AT LEXINGTON

Formerly Miss Mary Johnston of Bucyrus.

Mrs. Peter Powell, who will be best remembered by the people of Marion as Mary Johnston of Bucyrus, died at her Lexington, Kentucky, Tuesday evening, falling a victim to tuberculosis.

Until her marriage, about eight years ago, Mrs. Powell was a frequent visitor in this city, where she had many relatives, and where her high intellectual gifts, her charming personality and her sunny disposition made her many warm personal friends.

Mrs. Powell was thirty-seven years of age. She is survived by her husband.

The funeral services were held at Lexington, Thursday, and the remains given internment there.

ARRANGE FOR CELEBRATIONS

LaRue Sunday-Schools Prepare Christmas Programs.

JOHN FRABER IN MILLING BUSINESS

S. C. Allen's Public Sale Is a Great Success—Rev. A. J. Bussard Will Publish a Directory Containing the Names of Church Members at Three Points—Latite Letter.

La Rue, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—Miss Maud and Miss Dessie Raub, J. H. Raub, R. B. Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rizer, Milton Morral and John Thomasson were business visitors in Marion Saturday.

After several weeks' visit with relatives in and near Beaver Dam, Mrs. S. M. Hesser and son, Don, returned home Tuesday.

The funeral of Mrs. Ella Gillespie was held here in the M. E. church Saturday morning, Rev. A. J. Bussard having charge of the service.

Mrs. D. K. Drake has returned from a visit with her sister at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The aged Mrs. Hannah Hinton of Barnaps' Corner, Michigan, is the guest of D. M. Bell and family south of town. She is the only living sister of the late Jonathan Bell.

All of the La Rue Sunday-schools are planning to give Christmas entertainments and a treat to the scholars. The Bell Sunday-school will hold its Christmas service and have a Christmas tree Saturday evening, December 23.

The supper given at the Bell school-house one night last week netted more than six dollars for the benefit of the school.

B. M. and D. C. Ridgeway have moved from the Ridgeway homestead north of town into their property on south High street.

John Fraber has bought stock in the Mt. Victory Milling company, of which company he is secretary, and as soon as his land is disposed of will take his position in the mill.

S. C. Allen's public sale at his residence southwest of La Rue, held last Tuesday, was well attended. Everything sold brought a good figure. The ladies of the Fairview M. P. church furnished meals.

G. A. Alden of Jamestown, New York, was here on business, Tuesday.

Rev. A. J. Bussard is preparing for publication a church directory of the membership of the La Rue, De Cliff and Montgomery M. E. churches.

PROSPECT CHAPTER OF EASTERN STAR

Public Installation of Officers Held Thursday Evening.

Officers were publicly installed and a banquet was held by Prospect Chapter, No. 69, Order of the Eastern Star in the Masonic hall at Prospect, Thursday evening.

The officers installed were Mrs. Rebecca Hedges, worthy patron; I. M. Roberts, worthy patron; Miss Amelia Gerlach, associate patron; Mrs. Bertha Treese, secretary; Mrs. Hannah J. Ford, treasurer; Mrs. Belle Roberts, conductress; Mrs. Gertrude Handsch, associate conductress; Mrs. Mary E. Rouse, chaplain.

HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS

An Overcoat
A Stylish Cloak
A New Suit
A New Skirt
A New Waist
A New Fur
A New Hat
A New Pair of Shoes
New Silverware
New Umbrella
New Clock or Watch

We can show you a great variety of suitable presents for any member of the family. Everything to wear.

MARION CLOTHING & CLOAK CO.

lain; Mrs. Emma Stockwell, marshal; Mrs. Lucy Graham, organist; Mrs. Augusta Henry, warder; N. J. House, sentinel; Mrs. Milla Fleming, Adah; Mrs. Lucy Cook, Ruth; Mrs. Cora Howison, Esther; Mrs. Laura Hedges, Martha; Mrs. Libbie Harshberger, Electa.

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Pleasant Affair at the Hurrelbrink Home in Prospect.

Rev. and Mrs. L. H. Hurrelbrink of Prospect were surprised by a large number of their friends at their home, Thursday evening, in honor of their thirteenth wedding anniversary. More than 150 guests were present. Rev. and Mrs. Hurrelbrink were the recipients of many nice presents. They were married at Franklin, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. F. W. Steinhorn, now pastor of the Emanuel Lutheran church in this city. Rev. Mr. Hurrelbrink has been pastor of the Lutheran church at Prospect during the past six years.

Careful observers aver that the "man about town" is usually about the limit.

But the world doesn't have much love for the lover who loves only himself.

Very Useful. In Germany much attention is being paid to the usefulness of certain fishes, such as carp, that flourish in stagnant and muddy water, in destroying noxious mosquitoes and other noxious insects. It is the larva form, of course, not the winged insect, that is eaten by the fish.

American Oysters. It is remarked of the Chesapeake and all American oysters that they bear long carriage with less harm than any that grow on other shores.

Muscle Workers.



For downright fun and as an all around muscle worker this clever little car is a wonder.

Fascinating, exciting—it furnishes exactly the exercise needed for strong even physical development.

Single Seat . . \$5.00
Double Seat . . \$5.50

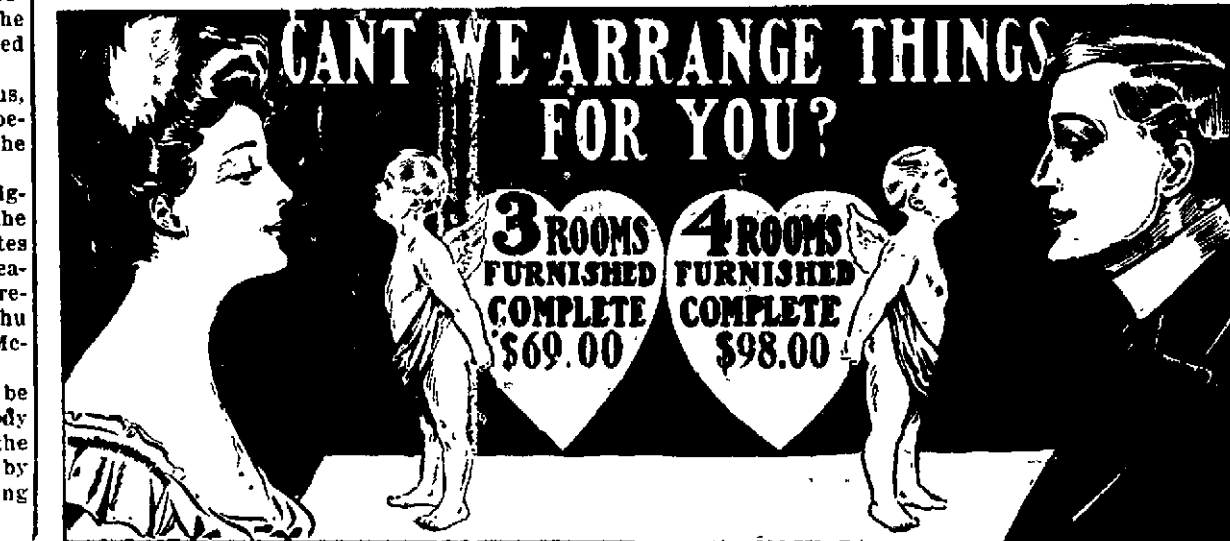
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W. Center Street.

Less Duplicity.

President Roosevelt has agreed to help in straightening out the insurance tangle. This means more publicity and less duplicity.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

THE DEPARTMENT CO. East Center Street House Furnishers.



One would naturally think that the young people in the picture were lovers. And so they may be.

Without love this world would be a barren waste.

Love prompts young men to do their whole duty. Love prompts giving. And in giving we must have our sentiments seasoned with judgment which will make us give useful presents.

Our aim is to make it possible for everyone to give some useful article that will not only be a constant reminder of the giver, but also of the good taste and judgment of the one who gave it.

Easy payments if you want them.

AN ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Meeting of Durward Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

PROSPECT DOCTOR QUILTS THE VILLAGE

Mrs. Sarah Thatcher Falls Down Cellar and Breaks Her Arm—The Good Time Club Enjoys an Affair at Home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harkins.

Prospect, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The following officers were elected Wednesday evening, by Durward Lodge, Knights of Pythias: H. E. Fleming, chancellor commander; C. P. Herr, vice commander; C. L. Fleming, prelate; M. F. Hazen, master of arms; T. J. Court, master of work; A. E. Johnston, master of finance and keeper of records and seal; S. M. Kaub, master of exchequer; S. O. Thomas, inner guard; Ray Pace, outer guard; S. L. Wottring, trustee; A. E. Johnston, representative; W. L. Cox, alternate.

John Merchant is working at his trade as a paperhanger in Marion.

James Colobuano has moved his family to Marion, where he has erected a fine new home.

Mrs. G. W. Fleming is the guest of relatives at Beaver Dam. She will remain there for some time.

Dr. E. E. Wottring and family have moved into J. F. Moore's house on north Main street.

Mrs. Frederick Sauer was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Walter Herschey, at Ashley, this week.

Word has been received by relatives that Mrs. Sarah Thatcher had the misfortune to break her left arm, Monday afternoon, at her home in Youngstown. She fell down the cellar stairs.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Harkins entertained the Good Time club at their country home north of town, Tuesday night.

Mrs. P. S. Johnson was the guest of her son, Ray Johnson, at Marion, this week.

Mrs. W. R. Lauer entertained Mrs. Charles Myers and Mrs. McDonald of Marion, Thursday.

E. E. Mathews left Thursday morning on a business trip to Dayton.

Miss Edna Stockwell was the guest of Miss Dale Horton of Agosta this week.

Roy and Ray Pace entertained, Monday evening, in honor of the twenty-second anniversary of their birth.

Dr. Pond of Pittsburg, who took up the practice of Dr. J. S. Linger, has returned to his home, not being satisfied with his location in Prospect.

Mrs. G. N. Myers, Mrs. P. C. Couley and Mrs. Paul Arnold of La Rue, were guests of Mrs. Frank Harmon of Windsor street, Wednesday.

THE OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Order of Eastern Star Holds Important Meeting.

TWO SKATERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Calanthe Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Will Hold an Open Session and Will Entertain the Families and Friends of the Members—Caledonia News Notes.

Caledonia, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The local chapter of the Eastern Star installed officers recently elected at a meeting held last Monday evening as follows: Mrs. Orle Koch, worthy matron; Rev. James Gray, worthy patron; Mrs. G. D. Margraf, assistant matron; Miss Minnie Hipsher, secretary; Mrs. Victoria Fields, treasurer; Mrs. Cora Kellogg, conductress; Mrs. Ada Geddis, assistant conductress; Mrs. Frances Hipsher, Adah; Mrs. Rebecca Smith, Ruth; Mrs. Laura Kelly, Esther; Mrs. Sue Burt, Martha; Mrs. Mintha Ault, Electa; Mrs. Grace Virtue, warden; Mrs. Alice Williams, chaplain; W. W. Hinds, sentinel; W. W. Thew, organist; Mrs. Anna Morton, marshal. Following the installation a banquet and social session were enjoyed.

Walter Lindsay and Ray Mathison narrowly escaped drowning while skating on Henry's lake, Wednesday afternoon. The ice had become weakened by the warm weather and the combined weight of the men caused them to break through, letting them in water over their heads. Both managed to swim ashore, but Mr. Lindsay suffered several large cuts on his face and neck, caused by coming in contact with the sharp edges of the ice. He also suffered the loss of two teeth. Mathison escaped uninjured.

A dance was enjoyed in the town hall, Wednesday evening.

A clay bird shooting match will be given here Saturday afternoon, December 23.

Calanthe Lodge, No. 116, Knights of Pythias, will give a public installation of officers, January 1, to the members of the order and their families. Lunch will be served after the work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Williams and son Robert, were called to Cleveland, Wednesday, by the illness of their son, Harry, who was operated on for appendicitis.

Miss Iva Brocklesby has accepted a position as clerk in a jewelry store at Bucyrus and left for that city, Wednesday.

D. F. Landis of south High street is quite ill of heart trouble.

Postmaster William Fields sold twenty acres of land which he owned southwest of town to Charles Boyles of south of town, last Monday. Consideration \$60 an acre.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Irey Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Charles Garver entertained about fifty young people at their home southwest of town Tuesday evening. The time was pleasantly passed with games and music.

A well which had been drilled to the depth of about 200 feet on the property owned by George Henry on Water street, and which had gone dry, was shot, with a charge of dynamite last Friday, with the hope of again securing a flow of water. When the dynamite exploded a deep rumbling was heard and on applying a lighted match at the end of the casing a blaze was at once started. The well is still furnishing gas and Mr. Henry is talking of having it piped into his saloon and residence.

The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church cleared twenty dollars at the bazaar held last Saturday evening.

Mrs. L. C. Donnenwirth was hostess to the J. T. club Monday evening. After the election of officers for the coming year and other business had been transacted, a Dutch luncheon was served.

Miss Iona Wickess of Columbus was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Amanda Warwick, the first of the week.

Mrs. R. Geyer and Mrs. R. R. Geyer returned, Saturday, from an extended visit with their parents in Indiana.

OUTSIDE THE CITY.

OUTSIDE CITY—WK & DAIL
Prospect Marriage—Miss Ida Treese and Mr. Chauncey Fish were married at the home of Rev. J. J. Halliday at Prospect, Thursday evening at 6 o'clock, in the presence of a few friends. The young people will make their home on a farm two miles and a half northwest of Richwood.

A Big Dinner—Mrs. Gwen Moyer, a well-known, old resident of Prospect, celebrated her seventy-ninth birthday anniversary at the home of Mrs. John A. Gast at Prospect, Thursday evening. A feature of the day was a big dinner, at which more than sixty friends and relatives were present.

Real Christmas Gifts.

The brisk shopping time is here. But this store meets all demands. It comes up to exacting expectations in the things you want to buy and give; it meets the conveniences of the busy shopping throngs. Room abundant for satisfactory display, and room for the shopping crowds.

Popular Gifts for Men.



Many a woman's anxiety is in making suitable selections for men. These shaving sets will fill many a want. Every man needs one, especially for travel. We show a fine line of traveling toilet cases, watch charms and chains, lodge pins, scarf pins, emblematic and jeweled rings.

Aside from these are tie clasps, key rings and chains, flasks, cigar cases, match boxes, ash trays, cigar cutters, tobacco jars—every one picked to please.

Dining Table Silverware.

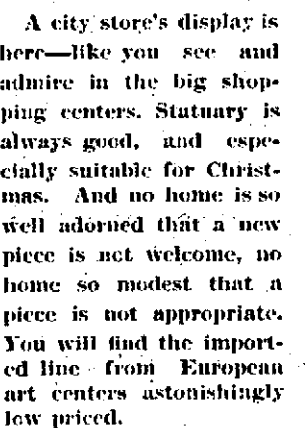
We want you to examine our line of knives and forks, tea, table and soup spoons, and after-dinner and dessert spoons. Whether in sterling or plated wares, the showing is the handsomest we have ever made.



Fine Gold Watches

A favorite Christmas gift since watches were invented. Now days the low prices add to the wide popularity. Solid gold and gold filled open and hunting cases for both ladies and gentlemen. Movements that we guarantee and cases that are warranted. The prices range to suit every purse.

For Home Decoration.



ALL ENGRAVING IS FREE.



A NEW MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

Waldo Township Teachers Arrange for Meetings.

Waldo, Dec. 15.—[Special.]—The board of education held its regular monthly meeting, Monday evening. The regular monthly bills were paid. D. Benedict was appointed a member of the board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Fred Epley.

The township teachers held a meeting at the home of Charles Taylor, Wednesday evening, to take up the studies of the State Teachers' Reading Circle. The next meeting will be held in four weeks. The teachers will begin the study of Shakespeare's "Macbeth" and Hart's "Essentials of American History." S. W. Allmendinger and Wesley Miller will conduct the meetings.

FARMERS, LOOK

Take your Hides, Pelts, Furs and Tallow to

WESLEY HARSCH

and save the middleman's profit. Highest market price paid at all times. Shop in alley back of the county jail.

OBITUARIES.

John Cook is visiting relatives in Kansas and Missouri. Henry Selanders is acting as his substitute as section foreman.

A. E. Alline has sold his farm to William Hoke and has purchased property in Prospect, to which he expects to move soon. He will make a sale of his personal property next Tuesday.

The members of the Epworth league have organized a class for the study of mission work in Africa. The class has a membership of fourteen.

Tons of Candy.

This store always makes a specialty of Xmas candies, nuts, oranges, etc. This year is no exception.

Scores of varieties in really good candies at 5c to 40c pound. Florida and California oranges 20c to 50c dozen. Brazil, Almond, Pecan, Filbert and mixed nuts at 15c and 20c pound. Everything in the line of goodies at as low prices as anywhere in Marion. Granulated sugar, 5c per pound.

We solicit your patronage. The Zachman & Myers' grocery, Wky-tf

Born, Wednesday night, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Irey of Caledonia.

County Recorder John A. Key was in Columbus on business Wednesday.

Christmas Spoons.

Spoons are ever popular at Christmas time and the custom of securing spoon collections is on the increase. Our line this year surely represents the makers' best production, while the prices are very reasonable.

JEWELRY GIFTS FOR LADIES Handsome Brooches, Pendants, Pins.

Plain and Jeweled Rings, and the finest Diamond collection ever shown in Marion. Seal Bracelets, Monogram Bracelets, Neck Chains.

The French Enamel Stick Pins and Brooches make the most attractive values we have ever offered in this line.

The Finest Umbrellas.

Wireless, detachable handles, high-grade goods, not matched in other stores.

New Teplitz Ware.

The rage in the cities, a new importation, sold exclusively in this art shop. The rich vases, with relief figure effects, are moderate in cost and are extremely admirable.

Ladies' Stick Pins.

New flower designs, with Baroque Pearls, Bars with Brilliants, Bars with Pearls, Hearts, Horseshoes, Cupid and other unique designs. Prices \$1.00 to \$10.00.

Handsome Silver Sets.

Water Sets, Bakers' Sets, Smokers' Sets, Chafing Dishes. Many novelties. There can be no error in selecting from any of them. Welcome in every dining room.

Fine Leather Goods.

Popular line is this. New, pretty and very proper. Genuine leather Glove and Handkerchief Sets, very handsome Writing Cases. No mistake in selecting here.

FINE CUT GLASS.

No housewife ever had enough. Every year the new conceptions enhance the showing. The variety of patterns and sizes make it possible to select within the reach of every purse, and any selection is high class.

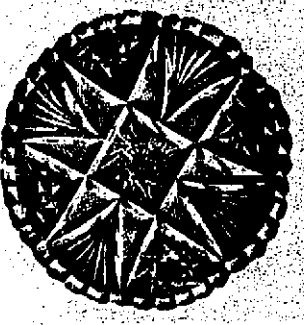
DECORATED CHINA.

You will like the showing, and you will agree that the prices are attractive. Appropriate gifts from men, approved gifts from one woman to another.

Finest new line of cuff buttons, late design.

IF YOU WANT A CLOCK

This is the place. Dainty, ornamental patterns for mantle or bedroom, wall clocks for hall or library. Cuckoo clocks that are sure to please. Cheap, serviceable clocks, dependable timekeepers at little cost.



Libbey

We commend morning visits but you are welcome at any time. Store open evenings, and perfectly lighted.

NELSON & SONS.

Marion's Reliable Jewelry Store.

Old Masonic Block.

THE LEWIS GROCERY.

Santa Claus Headquarters

Hundreds and hundreds of pounds of

Candies, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and up.

Nuts of all kinds.

Oranges, 15c to 40c per dozen.

Christmas Trees and Candles.

Figs and Dates.

Cheese of all kinds.

The finest Coffee and Tea.

Holly and Holly Wreaths.

Fancy Market Baskets at various prices.

Caudied Citron, Lemon and Orange Peel.

Big line of green vegetables.

In fact no finer line of Christmas groceries can be found to select from. Be sure and visit our store.

Special prices on Candies, etc., to Sunday Schools.

N. Main St. R. T. LEWIS opp. Court House

of friends who mourn his death. William Phillip was a son of Mr. and Mrs. August Phillip and was a young man of bright promise. His death came as a shock to his many friends and relatives. The funeral was held at St. Mary's Catholic church, with Rev. Father Denning in charge. The service was attended by a host of sorrowing friends.

To the Men

The Merchandise Bonds will be the means of allowing them, also, to participate in the pleasures of Christmas giving. Ask about them.

UHLER & PHILLIPS.**At No Other Time**

is the superiority of this store so thoroughly shown. To satisfactorily meet the diversified wants of the Christmas shopper is a difficult proposition. Our store does it.

Marion's Greatest Christmas Shopping Center.**On the list you doubtless have one or more Handkerchiefs.**

Of the moderate priced ones we have many.

A ladies' hemstitched Handkerchief, a 5c quality, at a special price of 2c.

Ladies' all-linen Kerchiefs by the hundreds at the popular price, 5c.

Our ladies' all-linen embroidered Handkerchiefs, beat anything in town at 10c each. A special Christmas box of those fancy plaid Shamrock Kerchiefs or (six in a box) at per box \$1.50.

A really gorgeous line of the finest French and American hand-made Kerchiefs is displayed. These are priced at \$3.00 to 25c.

Christmas suit case and telephone boxes of children's fine Handkerchiefs (6 in a box) specially priced at 50c.

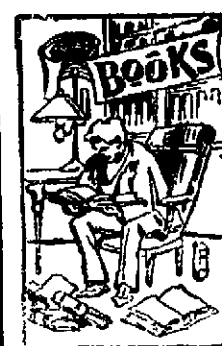


The great Christmas rush is on. Everybody is buying now. And most of the shoppers are headed direct for this store. Marion people know the way in which The Big Store does things. The story of its great holiday preparations, the bigness of its displays, and the goodness of its merchandise are known and repeated everywhere.

If you buy before visiting this store, you're doomed to disappointment.

Books

Through their medium you live and associate with the greatest characters of history.



The Rosemary series of gift books, with that new leather binding, gilt edges, etc., standard prose and poetry, separately boxed, at per volume, 89c.

Novels, a big line, with artistic covers and illustrated, \$1.25 to 50c.

The great Hefty series for boys, dozens of volumes, at 25c and 15c.

Both boys and girls delight in the Harkaway stories. Every title at per volume 25c.

Students' and teachers' Bibles in great variety, \$2.50, \$1.98 and \$1.00.

Dress Goods Reduced

We doubt if any store in Marion can show one-half the stock of dress goods shown here for the Xmas business, either black or colors; special Xmas price on black dress goods.

10 per cent. or 1-10th off on every piece of black wool dress goods in our entire stock as a special inducement to buy your dress goods here.

Reliable black Silks that we give our personal guarantee will prove satisfactory at a 25 per cent. saving to you.

Foreign and Domestic Xmas Novelties.

Beautiful reproductions of original oil paintings, size 12 by 18 inches, help to decorate the rooms. Specially priced at 25c.

For the den or library, a decorated leather wall piece made from the whole skin, is appropriate. The price is \$2.50.

Novelty Japanese chair cushions of woven bamboo strands at 59c each.

TRIPLE MIRRORS No fancy price on this lot of triple mirrors, but we have an assortment of about 50 fine ones that are priced as high as \$6.00 and down to the ones at \$1.

CREPE DE CHINE SCARFS.

Every lady that hasn't one desires one of these scarfs. Nothing more desirable than a beautiful plain or flowered Crepe de Chine Scarf. We have them at from \$7.50 down to \$1.25.

MEN'S CIGAR CASES AT \$1.50.

A great showing of leather and gun metal Cigar Cases. Novel designs that will appeal to any smoker. Priced from the very fine ones at \$6.50 down to a good leather one at \$1.50.

Furs and Ready-to-Wear Apparel.

Children's Fur Sets—White Angora sets (muff and collar), really beautiful, at only 98c.

Ladies' Fur Scarf—A long, double natural or blended water mink scarf, with cord and tails, finished with fancy braid ornaments, worth \$7.50, special at \$3.98.

Fur Scarfs at \$12.50—Double fox scarfs, Isabella and sable dyes, or small fancy pieces in squirrel, Japanese mink and Persian lamb, at \$12.50.

This Fur Coat as a Christmas Present—A guaranteed Near Seal Coat, with the newest sleeves, nicely lined with Skinner satin. There never was a better value offered at \$25.00.

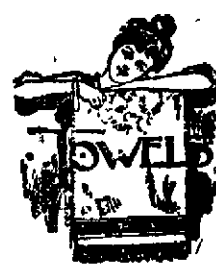
A Coat Special—Kersey Coats in brown, black and castor, full 45 inches long, with fur roll. A Christmas reduction for \$7.98.

Christmas Linens

Lunch Cloths, all linen, satin Damask, 30 to 36 inches, at \$1.00.

Table Linens in the exquisite Scotch satin Damask pattern cloths, all the late 1935 designs, borders all around, special Christmas price per yard, \$1.00.

Napkins to match table cloth in the large 3-4 size, special Christmas price, per dozen, \$3.00.



Hemstitched huck-a-back Towels, all pure linen, 20 inch x 42 inch, 50c cents at any other store; our special Christmas price is 25c.

OUR GREAT CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

OUR ENTIRE SECOND FLOOR IS DEVOTED TO THE SHOWING OF AN IMMENSE LINE OF EXCLUSIVE CHRISTMAS GOODS...

High-Class Bric-a-Brac

The Big Store's line of hand-painted China, Royal Worcester and Bisque ware, decorated bronze pieces, etc., surpasses that of many exclusive china stores. The prices are but one-half those asked by such a store.

Finest cut glass at a song. A big assortment of first class cut glass that is priced much lower than you usually pay. See our display of beautiful cut glass pieces.

What You Can Buy for 25c.

Hand Bags, Neck Chains, Perfumes.

Hand Bags, Neck Chains, Bottle Colgate's Perfumes, Books, Kayser's Gloves, Fancy Neckwear, Back Combs, Strand Beads, Hat Pins, fancy Mirrors.

Silk and Wool Waists.

From among innumerable beautiful and dainty silk waists, we speak of this popular priced one.

A \$6.00 Tulle Silk Waist in black and colors stylishly made with the new sleeves, specially priced for the holidays at \$4.48.

The cleverest ideas of many makers are expressed in our assortment of exquisite wool waists. The popular priced ones are 98c, \$1.98 and \$2.50.

Kimono and Bath Robes.

Bath Robes and Kimono make most appropriate presents. A big selection of the loose, flowing ones in German flannel, eiderdown and terry cloth, \$1.00, \$1.98, \$2.48, \$3.50, up.

The Children's Section.

Dolls, dressed and undressed, richly and plainly costumed, with black, brown or red hair, dolls that close their eyes and dolls that don't. Oh, they are here of every kind and description.

Red Rubber Toys, goats, horses, elephants, cats, etc., 10c 15c, 19c, up

Stocking Caps and Tams.

Stocking Caps and Tams—Cold weather will see a great demand for these. A big line of stocking caps, well knit, from the best yarns in plain colors and stripes, with tassels, \$1.00 down to 25c.

50c Tams at 25c—Well made Tams in all sizes with knitted band, a 50c quality at 25c.

For the Babies.

From this department hundreds of practical and useful remembrances for baby can be secured.

Infants' Bearskin Coats—Special reductions in the noblest infants' Bearskin Coats, extra heavy, both trimmed and plain, all sizes, \$3.50, \$3.98, up.

Infants' Caps—Bearskin caps to match the coats, silk caps and polk bonnets in great profusion, at \$4.00 down to 25c each.

Infants' Shoes—The new fall styles in a combination of colors, with soft easy soles, all sizes, at 50c pair.

What You Can Buy for 50c.

Toilet Water, Umbrellas, Baby Caps.

Silk-lined Gloves, metal Picture Frames, Eiderdown Dressing Sacques, Walrus Hand Bags, Toilet Water, Umbrellas, Box Handkerchiefs, Baby Caps, Fancy Hosiery, Sterling Silver Manicure Articles.

The Warner & Edwards Store.

The Warner & Edwards Store.



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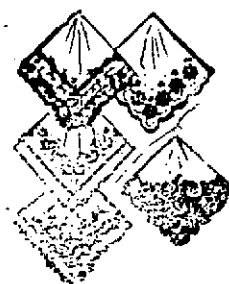
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FOR TOM'S SAKE

A Tree Which Bore Good Fruit

By OTHO D. SENG.

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A MOST wonderful and gorgeous Christmas tree stood in the window of the great store of Warden & Joyce. All day a constantly changing throng of small admirers exclaimed at its magnificence and registered extravagant wishes before it.

Children richly clad and full of joyous anticipations, children in comfortable rags, who knew Christmas only by the sight of the happiness of others, stood side by side and gazed with longing eyes at the bewildering array of costly gifts and brilliant decorations.

A small girl of twelve or fourteen, with face unattractively old and sharp, smiling eyes, critically examined the tree in silence. Up and down, from side to side, her keen gaze wandered.

"I bet it's empty at the back," she finally muttered.

"Poor child! Her brief experience had already taught her the unreality and futility of many glittering things. She stepped quickly into the vestibule where she could see that part of the tree away from the window. A sudden joy flashed into her face.

"It's true—that tree is true," she whispered eagerly. "The back is as good as the front."

She hesitated an instant and then raised her clasped hands beseechingly. "God," she cried, "send me a tree for Tommy!"

Her intense longing made her voice sharply imperative, and the first word struck harshly on the ear of a richly dressed young lady who was passing close to her.

"You mustn't swear, child!" she exclaimed hurriedly.

"I wasn't swearing," the girl answered calmly, without resentment. "I was praying for a tree for Tommy."

An elegant carriage waited at the curb, and as the young lady stepped to



MISS STANHOPE GAVE ONE LOOK AT THE TREE.

the sidewalk the footman threw open the door. She stood for an instant, as if thinking, and then, turning quickly, she went back into the vestibule, where the child was still standing.

"Will you come with me a minute? Out of the crowd," she added hastily as the girl faced her with surprised eyes and an unchildlike, repelling look on her thin face.

"Will you step into the carriage? Please do, I want you to tell me something, and it is so very odd!"

The girl seated herself on the luxurious cushions, the young lady followed, and the inwardly disgusted footman closed the door.

"Will you tell me your name and where you live?" the lady questioned gently.

The child regarded her earnestly.

"Depends on who you are and what you want. You ain't a charity worker nor a slum visitor?"

The young lady smiled understandingly.

"My name is Margaret Stanhope, and I live on Commonwealth avenue. You—you spoke of Tommy."

"Yes, he's my brother. My name is Maggie Taylor, and I live on Burnham street," adding with a return of her former manner, "but it ain't a slum street, and I don't want no charity."

Miss Stanhope smiled radiantly.

"But I do, Maggie. I am so glad our names are the same. I need just what you do not—charity. Tell me something about Tommy." She lingered lovingly over the name. "Why did you pray for a tree for him?"

"Because he's sick. He's only twelve, and he works in an office, and his boss is away, and Tommy took sick after he'd gone. Tommy feels sure that if he was here he'd send his wages to me just the same, for he's a good boss and awfully kind to everybody, but the other man—his pardner—is different."

"Maggie," said Miss Stanhope earnestly, "I wish you'd help me to have a happy Christmas. I am all alone in the world, without any one to care for me, and I want to do something for some one—for some one named Tommy, because—because six months ago I did a wrong and cruel thing to some one by that name. It would help make my Christmas happy if you would let me arrange a tree for your Tommy. Will you?"

The girl drew a long breath.

"It ain't charity?" she asked doubtfully.

"Not to you nor to Tommy," answered

ed Miss Stanhope joyously, "but it will be to me."

"For Tommy's sake," murmured the girl assentingly.

"For Tommy's sake," echoed Miss Stanhope tenderly.

The unbidden footman was still more disgusted when he was directed to make another round of the stores, and his bearing was absolutely frigid when he was required to carry a most unbecoming load of bundles up the stairs to the little home on Burnham street. That the indignity of a good sized tree was laid upon him also required the concentration of all his thoughts upon the generous wages Miss Stanhope paid to enable him to endure the present situation.

"I keep house for father and Tommy," whispered Maggie, leaning the way. "Tommy's in the kitchen. I left him there in the big chair 'cause it's warmer. We'll take all these things in here—opening the door of a neat sitting room—and when we get the tree fixed I'll push him in the chair."

Surely never before was a tree so quickly made to blossom and bring forth fruit, and it was a "true" tree, with gifts on every side.

Maggie surveyed it with joyful pride, her thin face losing its careworn look and becoming almost childlike with the flush of happy excitement.

"Miss Stanhope," she whispered positively, "prayers are answered—I know it now."

Always, in the way he thinks best," answered Miss Stanhope earnestly, adding in her heart, "Lord, I believe—help thou mine unbelief!"

"I'll bring Tommy in now," Maggie said, and went softly out to the kitchen.

She returned almost immediately.

"His boss is there!" she exclaimed excitedly. "He got back yesterday. Ain't he awfully good to come so soon to see Tommy? Tommy looks better already! The boss 'll push him in."

They both turned toward the door as it was opened, and a big armchair with the sick boy in it was pushed carefully over the threshold.

Miss Stanhope gave one look at the tall man behind the chair and started forward.

"This is Tommy's boss," began Maggie, mindful of her duties as hostess, but the greeting of her two guests quite disconcerted her, for Tommy's boss caught the aristocratic Miss Stanhope in a close embrace, while Miss Stanhope cried penitently, "Oh, Tom, Tom, I have been so sorry, and I have wanted you so!"

The Origin of Santa Claus.

Santa Claus is of German origin. This is true if only because that is the German name for St. Nicholas. That he is an old man is because in the ancient pagan feasts in celebration of the decay of the old year and the birth of the new an old man played the principal part. Among the Greeks and Romans it was Saturn, the father of all the gods, and among the Norsemen it was Thor, who was long bearded and white haired. That the saint is St. Nicholas is due to the fact that that venerable personage's feast day was celebrated at about that period. St. Nicholas was a bishop of Myra, who flourished early in the fourth century. He is the patron saint of children and schoolboys, and hence it was natural that he should be a part of a celebration when the children received gifts and when they were allowed to be "heard as well as seen."—New York Mail and Express.

Christmas in Rome.

A characteristic sight which precedes a Roman Christmas is the so called cotto, or sale of fish by auction, which is held at San Teodoro, near the forum. In the small hours of the morning, and every year attracts large crowds of buyers and sightseers. It is a sight worth seeing, the vast circular market literally packed with row upon row of baskets, in which the scaly fry are carefully arranged, the light glancing off their many colored scales in a thousand prismatic reflections, while the owner of each stall shouts at the top of his voice and the merry crowd goes round laughing and bargaining and trying to cheapen the fish, for at Christmas time it often reaches fabulous prices, and one is reminded of the extravagance of the ancient Romans, one of whom is said to have paid 20,000 sesterces for a single gray mullet.—London Mail.

A Recipe For Plum Pudding.

Crumble a pint of bread crumbs from the center of a stale loaf and pour over them a cup of scalded milk; when cool add three-quarters of a cup of sugar, a teaspoonful of salt and the yolks of four eggs beaten together, chop a half pound of suet and thoroughly mix with it a half pound each of raisins, currants and almonds; add a teaspoonful each of cinnamon and nutmeg, a third of a teaspoonful each of cloves and mace and the whites of the four eggs stiffly beaten; serve with hard sauce.

Encouragement.

Jack (bitterly)—I suppose that young Richman who comes to see you so often will give you such an expensive Christmas gift that you won't want the trifling present I can afford to buy you.

Margie (mildly)—No, I think you had better save your money for—er—future contingencies, Jack.

Christmas Times in Dixie.

Oh, Christmas (to a girl of Latin or cotton)—Bet you won't be so forgetful—

Look away.

Look away.

For Christmas times in Dixie!

Don't keep off of weather fair or murky—Big fat possum on a cobbler's turkey—

Look away.

Look away.

For Christmas times in Dixie!

Frank Stanton in Atlanta Constitution.

Christmas Eve In Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, the central spot of interest in the Holy Land at Christmas, is a Christian town set in the heart of Mohammedanism, where once a year the Greek church grants the use of the grotto of the Nativity to the Latin church. The ceremonies begin on Dec. 24 by the image of the youthful Christ being carried from the basilica of St. Helena to the sacred grotto of the Nativity, where the traditional spot of Christ's birth is marked by a silver star set in the rocky pavement.

The service begins at 10 o'clock in the evening. It opens with the chanting of psalms without any musical accompaniment. The patriarch of Jeru-



TYPICAL BETHLEHEM FAMILY OF TODAY.

salem usually officiates in the grotto, but on this occasion he is represented by the Latin bishop. The interior of the church is most picturesque, for there are only a few chairs provided for foreign visitors, while the bulk of the congregation is made up of the Bethlehemite women in their blue dresses with red frontlets, wearing peaked caps when married and flat caps covered by white veils when single.

As they enter the church they at first kneel down and then sit upon the ground in true oriental fashion. "In the dimly lighted church," says one who has seen the service, "these squatting, varicose figures, with their beautiful faces lit up by fits and starts by flashes of the candles, intent on devotion, seem like so many modern Madonnas come to celebrate the glory of the first Madonna."

Precisely at midnight the pontifical high mass is celebrated, the figure of Christ is brought in a basket and deposited upon the high altar, and the procession forms to accompany it to the crypt. As the long, chanting procession winds through the dimly lighted church there is something weirdly solemn about the ceremony, and as the sacred image passes various acts of worship are performed by the devout attendants. On the procession moves through the rough hewn, dimly lit passages from the Latin church to the grotto of the Nativity.

When the procession of richly robed ecclesiastics reaches the silver star set in the pavement the priests pause and stand in a group about the basket, which is deposited upon the star. Around this star is the inscription, "Hic de virgine natus est" ("Here he was born of a virgin"), for this is the spot upon which tradition places the actual birth of Jesus. There the impressive narrative of the birth of Jesus as found in the gospels is slowly recited, and when the passage (Luke ii, 7), "And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn," is read the figure is reverently picked up from the star and carried over to the opposite side of the grotto, where it is put into a rock cut manger. This concludes the service.—London Sphere.

Mistletoe Myths.

Many English girls believe that they will not be wedded inside of twelve months unless they have at least one kiss under the mistletoe. In many countries a berry is plucked from the mistletoe with each kiss, and when there are no berries no kisses are allowed. Mistletoe used to be considered a charm or amulet to ward off the baleful influence of witches. It was also considered that no one could possibly pass beneath it without yielding to its power, and hence both maids and men must submit to the salutation which has since become customary.—Self Culture Magazine.

Christmas Candy.

To make chocolate caramels dissolve over a fire one cupful of molasses and two teaspoonfuls of sugar; add one-quarter of a pound of grated chocolate and a piece of butter the size of an egg; boil for fifteen or twenty minutes; pour into flat buttered dishes to the depth of a quarter of an inch and when cold cut into squares an inch in size.

Christmas in Cornwall.

In Cornwall Christmas eve is a special holiday with children, who are allowed to sit up till midnight and drink to the "muck," as the Yule log is called there.

CHRISTMAS AT SANDRINGHAM

How the Royal Family of Great Britain Celebrates.

The royal family of Great Britain keeps up Christmas at Sandringham in a right royal and old-fashioned way. Tasteful decorations with holly and mistletoe abound everywhere. Every one comes down to the dining room, where breakfast is taken en famille. Every one has presents for some one else. All the servants and tenants are remembered, so that there are many happy hearts on Christmas morning. Substantial joints, geese and turkeys, with other good things, have a delightful way of turning up at the very houses where they are most wanted.

After breakfast the royal family and guests and the ladies and gentlemen of the household go on a tour of inspection to view the decorations, and then, provided the weather is fine, they walk to church, which, of course, has been tastefully adorned in appropriate and approved Christmas fashion. On the entry of the king and queen the congregation rises—that is the only formality observed. The king's domestic chaplain takes the service—a bright choral service, with Christmas hymns and an anthem.

Then comes luncheon—which is the children's dinner—attended by the king and queen and other members of the family. The Christmas pudding is brought in, blazing up merrily, to the intense delight of the little princes and princesses.

The late afternoon is the most exciting time for the juveniles. The doors of a certain room have been kept rigorously fastened since the previous evening, her majesty and other members of her family having duly dressed a large Christmas tree therein. The door is opened, and the whole party troops in, while the royal children evince the greatest delight at the Christmas tree ablaze with lights and weighed down with presents. Afterward all sorts of games are entered into with a heartiness and zest that must surely appeal to every one.

Dinner comes along at 8-45, to which all guests staying in the house and many of the household are invited by the king. The king and queen and guests assemble in the drawing room first, and then a procession is formed, led, of course, by their majesties, who are followed in order of precedence by the others. The tables are laid in the grand salon. The guests are seated at small oval tables, the king and queen sitting opposite each other at one, and are waited on by special footmen. Boar's head, baron of beef and plum pudding are the staple dishes of the royal Christmas dinner.

After dinner there may be a dance or a command performance in the state ballroom, the walls of which are decorated by gorgeous Indian trophies presented to his majesty when he visited that country.—Vivian Magazine.

The Universal Desire.

She was superbly dressed in the pinnacle of fashion and would have been beautiful but for a certain stern, businesslike expression that rather marred the sweetness of her face.

First looking up and down, she darted swiftly into a narrow passageway and was soon knocking at a door emblazoned with the legend: "Signor Olo Margerino, Chairvoyant, Future Foretold."

The door opened.

"Where is the signor?" she nervously demanded.

"In bed, mum."

"Horror! What's the matter with him?"

"Nervous prostration, brought on by overwork."

"Overwork?"

"Yes, mum. Since September he's been busy peering into the future for people who wanted to know de value av Christmas presents dey wuz going to get so's they'd know how much ter spend on theirs."

Still a shriek of despair, she sped away on the hunt for some other clairvoyant.—New York Herald.

A Topsy Turvy Party.

A topsy turvy party is good fun at Christmas. Everything is done at this party "the other way around." For instance, a very small Christmas tree is fastened to the ceiling upside down. On the floor a number of packages should be laid. In the packages you must be sure to have the topsy turvy scheme. In all those intended for the girls you should put only such things as boys like or use, and the other the guest the simpler should the toys be.

The next thing in this topsy turvy party after the distribution of the packages is to have some one enter the room dressed as Santa Claus with an empty basket on his back or in his hand, but instead of giving each person a present he must demand one from each person. Later on in the evening the guests play a game of forfeits, when they have a chance of getting back their gifts.

A Few Christmas Don'ts.

Don't fuss, don't hurry, don't worry, don't fret, Christmas has come and gone many times and will come and go again. Don't do one single thing, then, for at least two weeks that will jar you into forgetting that it was the birthday of peace and good will.—Philadelphia Record.

Christmas at the North Pole.

The candles burn on the Christmas tree. They burn with a ruddy flame. And the little Eskimo looks with glee upon picture book and game.

He dances in ecstasies of delight, And he claps his hands for joy. And there comes into the branches bright, Where jingles the rosy toy.

Then with an expression of peace suprem And a twinkle of heartiness for joy The Eskimo looks in a lotus flame. And he gobbles them one by one.

—R. K. Munkittrick in New York Herald.

Mexico's Christmas Posadas

TO one who has been away from the United States for a term of years the Christmas holidays there seem like a feverish rush, and the simple pleasures indulged in during the nine days of posadas in Mexico are returned to with a certain measure of relief.

A posada is an inn, and the idea pervading these festivities is that story, known to all the world, of Cuesar Augustus, who, in the height of his power, wished to know the number of people who bowed beneath his scepter. In order to determine the fact he decreed that a census should be taken of all the nations composing the great Roman empire. To effect this Augustus sent twenty-four commissioners to the different parts of his world. The edict commanded that every person, rich or poor, weak or strong, should go to the place of his birth or to the original place of his family to have his or her name inscribed in the Roman registry.

Joseph and Mary, who were both of the royal house of David, went to the town of Bethlehem. They found it so full of people on the same mission that they wandered about the town for nine days seeking shelter. On the ninth day they were allowed to stay in the stable of a posada, and there the Nino Santo, or Holy Child, was born. The posadas are held for nine evenings in commemoration of those weary days.

Of course there are miserable homes where no sign of a posada is held, but Mexicans, rich and poor, are generous. No matter how dirty and ragged, every one is welcome in the churches, beautifully decorated, and at the nightly posadas held in them, though there the penatas are omitted, as the celebrations are entirely of a religious nature.

To the children the penatas are very important features of the season. They

represent men, women, goats and other animals, beautiful flowers, immense chrysanthemums, giant roses and peonies, lovely dillies, mums, monies in full costume and graceful musical instruments. Each figure contains an empty jar or penata of pottery, which is hidden by the decorations or costumes of colored tissue paper, most skillfully applied. The jars are filled with goodies and unbreakable toys.

When friends have been invited to a posada the house is decorated with evergreens and mosses, flowers and tinsel in all the rooms and corridors. In one room is the scene in the stable of Bethlehem—the stable yard and servants, the animals, trees and plants, groups of Biblical characters, little toy fountains. All that money can do to beautify the beginning of the "old, old story" is done according to the taste and means of the host and hostess.

The little manger, amid soft lights and draperies, stands ready for the Nino Santo.

A procession of the guests and family forms in another part of the house, and the pilgrims, or peregrinos, march two and two, led by one who carries the Babe. Singing sweet hymns and the litanies, they go through the house, winding in and out of the rooms and galleries.

At last the wanderers stop at the door of the room in which is the manger. Two voices, representing Mary and Joseph, in a wailing hymn beg to be admitted. Voices within chant a denial. Finally a voice announces who they are that plead for shelter; then the door is thrown open, and the peregrinos are allowed to enter. The Babe is placed in the manger, often by a priest, and songs of rejoicing burst forth.

The penatas are next on the programme, the details varying with the fancy of the host.

In a convenient place the penata is suspended, and the little folk, and big ones who choose to take part in the merriment, are blindfolded one at a time, turned around a time or two, then given a stick with which to break the jar if possible. So many trials, then another tries. When one succeeds the contents fall to the floor and a scramble follows to see who gets the most. In some old families there are penatas when the numerous servants partake of the joys of the posada and share in the sometimes and refreshments provided.—Caldier's Weekly.

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When friends have been invited to a posada the house is decorated with evergreens and mosses, flowers and tinsel in all the rooms and corridors. In one room is the scene in the stable of Bethlehem—the stable yard and servants, the animals, trees and plants, groups of Biblical characters, little toy fountains. All that money can do to beautify the beginning of the "old, old story" is done according to the taste and means of the host and hostess.

The little manger, amid soft lights and draperies, stands ready for the Nino Santo.

A procession of the guests and family forms in another part of the house, and the pilgrims, or peregrinos, march two and two, led by one who carries the Babe. Singing sweet hymns and the litanies, they go through the house, winding in and out of the rooms and galleries.

At last the wanderers stop at the door of the room in which is the manger. Two voices, representing Mary and Joseph, in a wailing hymn beg to be admitted. Voices within chant a denial. Finally a voice announces who they are that plead for shelter; then the door is thrown open, and the peregrinos are allowed to enter. The Babe is placed in the manger, often by a priest, and songs of rejoicing burst forth.

The penatas are next on the programme, the details varying with the fancy of the host.

In a convenient place the penata is suspended, and the little folk, and big ones who choose to take part in the merriment, are blindfolded one at a time, turned around a time or two, then given a stick with which to break the jar if possible. So many trials, then another tries. When one succeeds the contents fall to the floor and a scramble follows to see who gets the most. In some old families there are penatas when the numerous servants partake of the joys of the posada and share in the sometimes and refreshments provided.—Caldier's Weekly.

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PRESS COMMENT.

He Is Estopped.

Chauncey M. Depew at least cannot plead that he is young and inexperienced or that he is a poor orphan.—Philadelphia Record.

Carrying Ballast.

Japan's ship of state is beginning to carry a full share of ballast in the shape of a national debt.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Everything but Cash.

The sultan is said to have given up his contention about reforms. The sultan has a reputation for giving up everything but cash.—Washington Post.

And Proves It.

A writer for the Saturday Evening Post asserts that the horse is the most dangerous and deadly animal in the world. Worst of all, he proves it by official statistics.—Chicago Tribune.

Won't Compromise.

President Roosevelt probably is wise enough not to compromise while he is winning his fight for rate legislation.—Columbus Dispatch.

May Have To Enlarge.

The number of new men on the staff of the Congressional Record, especially in the house, may eventually compel the enterprising publisher to enlarge the sheet.—Cincinnati Commercial-Tribune.

A Great Tonic.

As a sign of the tonic mental effect of cold weather, note the way it aids the coal barons to think up new excuses for raising prices.—Chicago News.

He Stands Pat.

Senator Elkins is convinced that the present laws are sufficient to cure railway rate evils. In other words, the senator is not going to disparage his own work.—

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May Have Got Him.
Don't imagine that the sad-eyed woman you meet has loved and lost. It's more likely that she loved and got him.—Council Grove, Kansas. Guard.

PASTOR MAPLE AGREES TO STAY

Congregational Meeting Held Sunday Morning.

THE RESIGNATION IS NOT ACCEPTED

Committee Appointed To Reach an Understanding with Rev. Mr. Maple Comes to His Terms and Pastor Promises To Remain Here. Satisfactory Settlement.

Rev. O. D. Maple is to remain as the pastor of the Central Christian church.

Sunday morning, a congregational meeting was held. Miss Blanche Hughes, the church secretary, read the pastor's resignation. A motion was made to accept it, but by a large majority the members of the congregation refused to accept the resignation, which had been accepted a week before by the official board. Rev. Mr. Maple was present, but volunteered no remarks.

A committee was appointed to wait on the pastor with a view to reaching some understanding as to his remaining. This committee was composed of F. B. Rodgers, chairman; William Young and Mrs. O. A. Busard. The result of the committee's conference with the minister was his promise to stay.

Sunday evening, the official board held a meeting and agreed to meet a consideration demanded by Rev. Mr. Maple, whose salary is \$1,000. Owing to the heavy expense that the church has assumed in the building of its new edifice, it appears that the salary of the pastor was considerably in the arrears. The board promised to raise a certain amount, which is not made public, and the pastor agreed to remain.

"We think ten times more of Mr. Maple since he gave his sermon on the charity ball than we did before," said Mr. Rodgers, Monday. "So you see the charity ball had nothing to do with his resignation."

A MONTHLY REPORT OF COUNTY AUDITOR

Net Balance of \$76,292.52 in the County Treasury.

County Auditor C. L. Allen has completed his report of the county's finances for the month ending December 1. The report shows that, November 1, there was a balance of \$90,080.69. The overdrafts at that time amounted to \$7,678.36, leaving a net balance of \$82,402.33.

The receipts during November amounted to \$7,345.31 and the disbursements were \$13,435.12. The balance in the treasury, December 1, was \$85,294.18 and overdrafts amounted to \$9,101.56, leaving a net balance of \$76,292.52 in the treasury.

Called in Conference.

The New York World of December 7 mentions the fact that Thomas E. Drake, a former resident of this county, but now insurance commissioner of the District of Columbia, was called on that date into a conference with the Armstrong committee.

The object was to get suggestions as to insurance legislation which he might recommend for his district.

FOUR BOY SKATERS BREAK THROUGH ICE

Ice on Lafayette Lake Proves To Be Too Thin.

Lads Are Rescued with Great Difficulty by Rodney Hume—Youngsters Suffer No Bad Effects—The Police Will Stop Skating.

Clifford Schoenlaub of south State street, Royal Andrews of south High street, Edgar White of Bradford street and Percy Spencer of Bain avenue, boys of about fifteen years of age, broke through the ice while playing "shinny" on Lafayette lake, Saturday afternoon. All of them sank to their necks, but none of them has suffered any ill effects from their icy plunge.

Andrews was the first to break through and Schoenlaub and White went to his rescue when they too fell in. Rodney Hume of south State street managed to help them out with the aid of a "shinny" club. Later young Spencer got too near the edge and went through the thin ice.

"I just know somebody will get drowned," said an excited mother over the telephone to a policeman at headquarters, Monday. "I want you to put a stop to it. My boy goes when the other boys go and I don't know anything about it. I am scared to death all the time."

As a result of the mother's appeal, the police will endeavor to keep the youngsters from the quaries until the ice is solid.

When words fail to express a woman's contempt for a man he enjoys a moment's peace.

IS SERIOUSLY HURT IN A RUNAWAY

R. C. Peters Is Thrown from a Dray Under Piano Box.

R. C. Peters, aged about seventy years and residing on Franconia avenue, was seriously injured in a runaway at the noon hour Saturday. Mr. Peters was driving east with Berry's dray loaded with piano boxes when the horse took fright at a passing car, and making a sudden turn, the wagon was upset and Peters was thrown to the ground, one of the piano boxes toppling over on him.

Peters was picked up in an unconscious condition and Burk's ambulance was called to remove him to his home on Franconia avenue. Dr. H. W. Sager was summoned and an examination disclosed the fact that his left leg was badly injured and he was probably internally injured.

THE MELL GROCERY IS EASILY STALLED

A Forced Claim of \$1.40 Puts the Owner to Flight.

D. J. Mell, who conducted a small grocery on Delaware avenue, was closed up ten days ago on a claim of \$1.40, in which suit was brought in Justice Conley's court, and shortly thereafter Mell and family disappeared. When the modest claim of \$1.40 and costs was adjusted, the McKinniss company took its stock, under a chattel mortgage, and the retail business on the hill is lacking in one factor, though manifestly a small one. A number of small downtown creditors have items for transfer to the profit and loss account.

WALDO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ELECTION

Important Meetings of Waldo Lodges.

Rathbone Sisters Meet and Elect Officers for the Ensuing Year—Other Business of Interest Is Transacted.

Waldo News Notes.

Waldo, Dec. 8.—[Special]—White Lily Temple, No. 217, Rathbone Sisters, elected the following officers at an adjourned meeting, Monday evening:

Mrs. Mary Shroats, past chief; Mrs. Lydia Shroats, most excellent chief; Irene Bensley, most excellent senior; Mrs. L. E. Gabler most excellent junior; Mrs. Ellen Miller, manager; Mrs. Rose Cook, protector of temple; Mrs. Emma Akron, outer guard; Mrs. Mattie Anthony, secretary; Mrs. Maggie Gearhiser, treasurer.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. William Himler Monday night.

William Gabler went to Toledo, Monday, to serve on the grand jury of the federal circuit court.

Wheatstone Lodge, Knights of Pythias, elected the following officers at the regular meeting Wednesday evening:

C. H. Kinckel, past chancellor; H. O. Donlithen, chancellor; C. H. Keller, vice chancellor; William Gearhiser, prelate; Joseph Bland, master at arms; George Myers, inner guard; George Cook, outer guard; John Gompf, master of exchange; R. W. Gabler, master of finance; W. E. Selanders, keeper of records and seal, and John Shroats, trustee.

Congressman Mouser introduced in the house, Thursday, a bill granting a pension to Catherine Stier, also a bill granting a pension to Malinda M. Hopkins and a bill to correct the military record of Charles F. Delsch.

A Marion Case.

Many More Like It in Marion.

The following case is but one of many similar occurring daily in Marion. It is an easy matter to verify its correctness. Surely you cannot ask for better proof than such conclusive evidence.

Mrs. Julia Hudson of 599 north Main street, Marion, says: "My confidence in Doan's Kidney Pills is just as strong today as it was in 1899 when I gave a testimonial for publication recommending them. This was a short time after I had used and received so much benefit from this remedy. I have been in such bad shape from lameness and continual aching in the small of my back due to failure of the kidneys to perform their proper functions, that I could not do anything about the house and felt miserable all the time. Doan's Kidney Pills were so highly recommended to me that I decided to try them, and after taking about half a box I began to feel better and was soon on the road to health. The treatment brought a complete cure. Since that time I have personally recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to a number of my friends and know of many cases in which it has brought the most wonderful benefit."

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QUARRYMAN IS SCALPED

A Derrick Falls at the Norris & Christian Plant.

GEORGE BAILEY IS VERY BADLY HURT

Four Quarrymen Narrowly Escape Being Killed—Injured Man Is Taken to the City Hospital Where He Is Given Surgical Attention. Frosty Pin Causes Accident.

By the collapse of a sixty-foot derrick at quarry No. 7 of the Norris & Christian Stone & Lime company plant, Monday, at 8:45 o'clock, Foreman George Bailey, aged thirty-six, married and residing on north Main street, was partially scalped. Samuel George, C. Grisso, Charles and Thomas Minard, quarrymen, narrowly escaped being killed.

The accident was due to the snapping of a frosty two-inch steel pin, which held one of the four steel guy cables of the derrick. The crash came so unexpectedly that none of the men had a chance to run, but fortunately the derrick fell in the opposite direction, one of the swinging cables striking Bailey a glancing blow on the back of the head. The scalp was torn from the crown of his head to the back of his neck. Had he been struck squarely surgeons say he would have probably been instantly killed.

The Hess & Kirkendall ambulance was summoned and the injured man was removed to the City hospital in a semi-conscious condition. An examination developed that the skull was not fractured. The scalp was sewed back on the man's head by Drs. H. Chisholm and James W. McMurray.

CURIOUS CROWD AT FAIRBANKS' QUARRY

Hundreds Gather To View the Scene of the Wreck.

Hundreds visited the Fairbanks stone quarry, Friday and Saturday, to view the boiler wreck. Men stand around and speculate as to the cause of the explosion. All sorts of theories are advanced as to the cause of the explosion.

The force of the compact, although confined by the stone walls of the quarry, was such that Mrs. Christian Spath of Farming street was hurled to the floor of her home, and Mrs. Arthur Dennis of George street was blown back against a wall. It was feared that the shock might result seriously, but she suffered no serious consequences.

THE DEATH OF MISS MARY GAYER AT LIMA

A Sister of Mrs. G. Eibling of Bain Avenue.

Word was received in this city last Saturday by relatives announcing the death of Miss Mary Gayer at her home in Lima. Miss Gayer is a sister of Mrs. G. Eibling of Bain avenue, where she formerly made her home. The deceased had been an invalid for some time past. The funeral was held at Spencerville Monday.

JOHN M'KAY CUT IN A SALOON FIGHT

Man Is Looking for Trouble and Finds It.

Uses Abusive Language in Saloon of Nicholas Cenci on North Main Street—Removed to Hospital and Given Surgical Attention.

John McKay, who has been employed by the Barber Asphalt company in the construction of the paving on west Church street, came near bleeding to death as the result of being cut with a knife in the saloon conducted by Nicholas Cenci on north Main street, Saturday evening about 10 o'clock.

McKay who was slightly under the influence of liquor entered the saloon and according to the story of the employees, began using abusive language to several customers. He was evidently looking for a little trouble which came in the form of a free-for-all fight and when things were cleared up, McKay, who was under several men, was found suffering from a cut extending from the hair line in front of the ear to the jawbone.

The wound bled profusely and when Dr. J. M. Hoskins arrived the injured man was quite weak from the loss of blood. Eleven stitches were required to close the wound.

County Surveyor Edward S. Ault last Saturday awarded the contract for constructing the Wolfinger ditch in Richland township. The ditch sold to W. W. Monnette and J. T. Hoyle for \$2,200. The improvement will be one and one-quarter miles in length and will be laid with twenty inch tiles.

CROP REPORT FOR CURRENT MONTH

Fall Sown Grain Averages Better Than Last December.

Washington, Dec. 11.—The agricultural department crop report, issued today, shows:

Winter wheat condition on December 1, 1904, as compared with \$2.9 on December 1, 1903; 86.6 in 1903, and a ten-year average of 91.5; newly seeded area estimated at 31,341,000 acres, an increase of 6 per cent. over the area sown in fall of 1904.

Winter rye conditions on December 1, 1904, as compared with 90.5 on December 1, 1903; 92.7 in 1903 and 95.8 the mean of the December averages of the last ten years; newly seeded area estimated at 95.9 per cent. of the area sown in the fall of 1904.

GARBERTSON MATTER BEFORE THE COURT

Attorney Bound Over to the Court of Common Pleas.

Charles F. Garbertson, the attorney charged with assault and battery in an affidavit filed a week ago by his wife, appeared before Justice H. C. Thompson Monday and waived examination. He was bound over to the grand jury on a bond of \$300. Captain F. M. Drake furnished the bond.

Mrs. Garbertson appeared ready for the trial at 9 o'clock, the time set for her husband's hearing. The husband and wife were in the court-room for probably an hour, and during this time no word or sign of recognition was passed between them.

THE COMPANY WILL PROSPECT FOR OIL

Belief That There's Oil in Marion County Entertained.

A Well Will Be Drilled Near Green Camp—Promoter States Farmers Have Been Unable To Use Wells Because of Oil Accumulations.

Another attempt is to be made to find oil in Marion county and to this end a number of citizens under the leadership of Joel T. Shaw have interested themselves in the organization of a company which will prospect for oil in the vicinity of Green Camp. It will be known as the Green Camp Oil & Gas company.

"I feel confident that there is oil west of the Scioto bottoms in Marion county," said a promoter of the company Monday, "and I think that if enough capital is secured the venture will meet with success."

The men at the head of the company state that among the indications of the existence of oil near Green Camp are prominent signs of the fluid in nearly all water that comes from wells in that vicinity.

"Some of the farmers living near the village have been unable to use their wells on account of the oil in the pipes," is a statement made by one of the promoters.

It is given out that the men at the head of the movement have promises of options on 2,000 acres of land around Green Camp.

AT HOME OF THE BRIDE'S PARENTS

Miss Silva C. Main and Mr. Charles H. Lennon United.

Miss Silva C. Main, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Main, and Mr. Charles H. Lennon were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Olney avenue, Sunday noon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Levi Hite in the presence of the members of the families and the immediate relatives of the young people.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon are well known in the city, the bride being a member of the graduating class of last year, while the groom is employed at the Union station and is well known throughout the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Lennon left Sunday night for a two weeks' trip in the West, and on their return will be at home to their friends after January 1 at 422 west Columbia street.

UNCLAIMED MAIL.

The following mail remains unclaimed for at the local postoffice:

J. Q. Adams, Oden Caldwell, C. M. Cupp, Alvin Carey, C. H. Campbell, Alonzo Connors, J. D. James, Elda Foker, T. C. Grubbs, Philip Homan, Charles Hutton, Verne D. Landrum, John Liddy, Professor B. F. Moore, superintendent M. E. E. S.; C. McDermott, Gaughan Monnett, John Markley, R. B. Randall, A. E. Snair, James Stevens, W. B. Wallace, John Worrell, James Williams, R. E. Bush, C. W. Crawford, Gertrude Dawson, Miss Rose Epluk, Mrs. Lide Jones, Miss Dora Nine, Miss Gertrude Robinson, Mrs. Charles Rook, Miss Ada Stahl, Mrs. Ella Slickel, Miss Ethel Stone, Miss Mood Smith, Miss Bertha Weber, Marks Lencar, Bogojlo Boluc, Toma Tukugla.

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A Suggestion to Wives.

Why not make your husband a Xmas present of one of these Storm Protectors? He surely would greatly appreciate such a gift.

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EAST CHURCH STREET.

WIRE FENCE.

The time to buy fence is when the markets are low. This appears each year at the close of the season and before people buy for spring. It is at this time that the manufacturers give some very tempting prices in order to unload their supply. We have taken advantage of the low price by buying two car loads of Ellwood fence, all sizes, which we will sell on spring dating. Buy and put up your fence now and pay us next spring. The fence is already in our warehouse on north Main street. Come and examine our fence.

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DEATH ENDS MISFORTUNES

William C. Campbell Dies at Lybarger Home.

ROBBED OF SIGHT WHEN BUT A CHILD

An Orphan and Blind His Unfortunate Life Is Ended as Result of Illness of Consumption—Wished To Live To Enjoy Christmas in Indiana.

Rendered an orphan in infancy, robbed of his eyesight by an accident in childhood and claimed by the ravages of consumption at man's estate, was the fate of William Callihill Campbell, aged twenty-five years, who died at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Amelia Lybarger of Home street, Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Though blind, he requested some time before death that his bed be moved beneath a picture of angels hanging on the wall of his room.

The young man's mother died of consumption when he was a babe. On her deathbed she gave the infant to his aunt, Mrs. Anna Reed, at Brazil, Indiana. Three years later the father died and an older child was placed in an orphan's home. The whereabouts of this child is unknown.

Some years ago young Campbell came to Marion to live with his aunt here. He had been in very poor health for the past year and his sole ambition was to live long enough and retain his strength to return to Indiana to spend Christmas with his aunt, whom he had not visited for several years and who was the only mother he had ever known. He became bedfast three weeks ago.

The funeral was conducted from the Lybarger home, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. G. E. Barnard of the Baptist church officiating.

OUTSIDE THE CITY.

Entertains Friends—Miss Dale Horton of Agosta pleasantly entertained a number of friends in honor of Miss Edna Stockwell of Prospect, Monday evening.

Prospect Affair—Ray and Roy Pace, twins, of Prospect, celebrated their twenty-second birthday anniversary by entertaining a number of friends at their home at Prospect, Monday evening.

Spicer Funeral—The funeral of Mrs. William Spicer was conducted from the Baptist church at Radnor, Tuesday at 11 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Dickerson officiating. Burial followed in the Radnor cemetery.

Bitten in Eye—While trying to care for an injured leg of his pet water spaniel, J. J. Court, residing south of town near the Newman bridge, was bitten in the left eye by the canine, December 7. It was first thought that Mr. Court would lose the sight, but the attending physician states that it will be preserved.

At Morrow Home—A company of seventy-five Claridon township people was entertained, December 7, at the home of William Morrow, five miles east of here. The gathering was held in the interest of the Claridon Free Baptist church. An excellent supper was served. Among the guests were Rev. G. E. Barnard of this city, pastor of the Marion and Claridon Free Baptist churches.

Mrs. Spicer Dies—Mrs. William Spicer, aged about twenty-eight years, died of consumption at her home at Radnor, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church at Radnor, Tuesday morning.

Lauer Funeral—The remains of Jonah Lauer, who died at his home at Richwood, Friday, were interred in the Prospect cemetery at noon Monday. The funeral was held at the late home at Richwood, Monday at 10 o'clock. The deceased was a brother of George and Joseph Lauer of Prospect.

Farmers Arrested—Ira White-man and Edward Freeman, young farmers, were arrested at Waldo and fined \$10 costs, Sunday. They were charged with using obscene language and profanity. The men met on the street in Waldo, Saturday night, and began calling each other ugly names while women and children were passing. Marshal Schrote learned of the affair and promptly obtained warrants for their arrests.

Probate Judge Foster Monday afternoon gave a hearing on the account filed by J. H. Billheimer of Gallon an administrator of the estate of his wife, who died here several years ago. Several of the heirs filed exceptions to Billheimer's report and the judge, Monday, ordered several changes.

The trouble between the city of Delaware and the C. D. & M. has been adjusted, the C. D. & M. having agreed to withdraw its injunction proceeding against the city, and the city having promised to annul its revocation of the company's franchise.

BOTH THE WELLS GOOD PRODUCERS

Ackerman Company Gets Oil in Wyandot County.

IS NOT NECESSARY TO SHOOT ONE WELL

Second Well Be Shot and Proves Equal to the First One—First Well Is Furnishing About 185 Barrels of Oil Per Day and Promises Much for the Promoters.

The Ackerman Oil company which has been drilling for oil on the Albert Wright farm, about eight miles north of Upper Sandusky, struck oil when the drill reached a point about fifty-eight feet in the sand, Monday morning.

It was intended to shoot the well, but the flow of oil was such that it was not necessary, and the pumps were put to work. About 100 barrels of oil were pumped from the well during the day, and at the present time it is estimated that the well will furnish about 185 barrels of oil a day.

The company was equally fortunate with a well drilled on the farm of John Von Stein in the same vicinity, which was shot Monday. The pumps are now at work on the well, and it promises to be equally as good a producer as the first one.

MRS. JOHN JONES DIES AT LARUE

Death Follows an Illness of Several Months.

Larue, Dec. 12.—[Special.]—Mrs. Elizabeth Jones, widow of the late John Jones of Larue, died at her home here at 5 o'clock Monday afternoon, following an illness of months, due to a complication of diseases. It is thought that grief over the death of her husband and life-long companion, which occurred August 13, hastened her demise.

Mrs. Jones was seventy-nine years, three months and ten days old. Six children are left to mourn the death of this estimable woman. They are Jeremiah Jones, Andrew J. Jones, John G. Jones, Mrs. Mary J. Bonner, Mrs. Josephine Thomason and Mrs. J. W. Gaston, all living in the vicinity of Larue.

Mrs. Jones was born in the state of Delaware, September 1, 1826, and moved here with her parents when a young woman.

The funeral will be held at 10 a. m. Wednesday and the remains will be buried in Fairview cemetery.

WOLTZ RECEIVES SORROWFUL LETTER

Aged Prisoner Is Growing Weaker Every Day.

G. W. J. Woltz recently received a letter from a daughter living near Newark, in words of great sorrow the writer told of her grief for the disgrace of her father in his last years, and expressed hope that he would be released so that death might not come while he is in prison.

The aged prisoner is growing weaker day by day, and when he was taken to the court-room, Monday afternoon, to have his trial assigned before Judge Young, it was necessary for Deputy Sheriff Davidson to partly carry him up the steps.

PROBATE COURT.

A marriage license has been issued to Charles G. Koster and Sophia C. Altmendluger, both of this city.

A marriage license has been issued to Charles P. Kennedy and Mary E. Allobaugh, both of this city.

A marriage license has been issued to Charles H. Lennon and Silva C. Main, both of this city.

MINOR NOTES.

Matron Engaged—Mrs. Rush Horsfall of West Montrose, Ontario, has been engaged as matron of the Waddell Ladies' home and assumed her new duties last Monday.

Amputation Necessary—While adjusting a bell at the Fairbanks Steam Shovel company's plant, last Saturday, Charles W. Osmun, the twenty-year-old son of James W. Osmun of South Prospect street, caught his hand in the shafting, badly mangleing it. The injured man was removed to the City hospital, where two fingers were amputated, the operation being performed by Dr. James W. McMurray, assisted by Drs. F. B. Sawyer and John W. McMurray.

Injured in Shop—Cleveland Landon, aged twenty-one years, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Landon of Chicago avenue, started to work at the steam shovel shops Monday morning.

While working in the dredging room about noon, a large wheel fell, striking him on the right leg above the ankle. The injury at first was not thought to be serious, but after arriving home at noon it caused him much pain that a surgeon was called and he is now confined to his home.

THE WEAPON MISSES FIRE

Jack Adams Owes His Life to Defective Cartridge.

GUY SWAIN POINTS REVOLVER AT HEART

Hammer Falls but No Shot Follows. Boy Is Believed of His Weapon Before He Can Pull the Trigger a Second Time—Warrant Is Issued for Arrest of Swain.

Jack Adams, aged about thirty years and a teamster, residing near Norton, owes his life to the failure of a cartridge to explode in a thirty-two caliber revolver held by seventeen-year-old Guy Swain, Saturday night at Waldo.

According to information received by the local police from Waldo, Adams and the boy were playing cards with some other men in the Ruth saloon. All of the men are said to have been tantalizing the boy, but that Adams was the chief offender. Suddenly, young Swain rose from his chair, pulled from his hip-pocket a revolver and pointing it directly above Adams' head pulled the trigger. The gun failed to explode. Before the boy could again pull the trigger Adams snatched the gun from his hand and placed it in his pocket.

Several hours later a warrant was sworn out for young Swain's arrest. The local police were notified Sunday night. The boy is charged with attempting to kill Adams.

Swain is employed by Charles Ditteny, a farmer and log-hauler, residing near Norton. From the information received by the local authorities he is not as quick-witted as he might be and for this reason he is the butt of abuse. In other words, as a resident of Waldo puts it, he is "picked on by everybody."

FIVE TEACHERS ARE SUCCESSFUL

Result of Examination Held by the County Examiners.

One of the six applicants who took the county teachers' examination here December 2, five were successful. All were granted one-year certificates for elementary work.

The successful applicants are E. W. Borrisinger, Peoria; Edna Dickson, DeCliff; Leola Kagay, Marion; R. C. Smith, Larue; Ray M. Struthers, Iberia.

Danger on the Lakes.

If there be any place within the scope of man's industrial efforts where the "providential accident" has its home, its right-of-way, that place is the surface of the Great Lakes. The same character of vessels seem to stand less chance with the choppy seas of the lakes than on the broader swells of the ocean, and there is no point in favor of the lakes as to the suddenness of squalls.

Two storms, within a few weeks, have presented a discouraging picture of the danger of lake traffic, in a financial as well as physical sense. Here is a field in which alertness and good seamanship may not always win, even with the best of modern shipbuilding art.

Some of the vessels lost in the recent storm promised to be sufficient to withstand any marine danger of which the imagination might conceive; yet they were broken up and lost. Especial precautions are taken by government authorities, discipline and regulation are invoked, heroic life-saving crews stationed; yet this great highway of commerce holds a close record to the railway system in the destruction of life.

The old sailor maxim of "a short life, and a merry one," is not more thoroughly applicable to the ocean mariner than to his cousin on the inland seas.—Cleveland News.

An Early Adjournment.

Did any regular reader of the Enquirer or any other journal of current news ever fail to notice at the beginning of a session of a legislature or a congress a great deal of talk about expedition of business and early adjournment? The story, to that effect is undergoing its annual production in despatches from Washington. Leading Republican members are referred to as favoring an adjournment long before the 1st of July and as saying that "the only duty before the next session will be to pass such legislation as the railroad rate bill and the Panama canal bill and then adjourn after passing the usual appropriation bills and a bill for public buildings."

So easy to say. The rate bill is a mere bagatelle. All that is to be done is for the house or senate to pass one, for there are scores of them already prepared, and send it over to the other house, where it can be passed under ordinary parliamentary industry in a week or ten days. Then the president can sign it, and "there you are." It is so easy that the wonder is that there has been so much talk about it.

As to the appropriation bills, they are merely side issues, of course. They are devices for a legislative waste of time. With the estimates

BOTH TO GO TO PENITENTIARY

Hays and Flickinger Are Sentenced Last Saturday.

EACH GETS SEVEN AND A HALF YEARS

Their Motions for New Trials Are Overruled by Judge Taylor of the United States District Court at Cleveland, Who Immediately Pronounces Sentences.

Judge Taylor of the United States district court, Saturday, at Cleveland, overruled a motion for a new trial for O. L. Hays, president of Gallon National bank, recently found guilty on the charge of violating the national banking laws, and sentenced him to serve seven and one-half years in the Ohio penitentiary and to pay the cost of prosecution.

The court also overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of Edward Flickinger, president of the Flickinger Wheel company of Gallon, convicted on the charge of aiding and abetting in the misapplication of the funds of the Gallon National bank. Judge Taylor also sentenced Flickinger to seven and one-half years in the penitentiary, and to pay the cost of prosecution.

Both Hays and Flickinger are quite well known in this city.

Hays is anxious to get in the penitentiary to begin his term of seven and a half years. He says he doesn't want an appeal taken in his case, and at his own request he was taken to the big prison on Wednesday. The prisoner is a broken man, feeble in health, and has been doubly discouraged by the failure of former friends to come forward with bail.

Flickinger has been more fortunate in the matter of bail, and thus far has succeeded in keeping out of jail. He will remain at liberty until an appeal is made and passed upon.

The county commissioners were in Claridon township Monday morning to view the line of the Sickle ditch, which was petitioned for several months ago, but which was not granted because of a remonstrance entered by George Roberts, one of the property owners concerned. The commissioners, accompanied by County Surveyor Edward S. Ault and several attorneys, went to the head of the proposed ditch Monday morning for a second hearing. The petition was granted and the final hearing will be held January 26.

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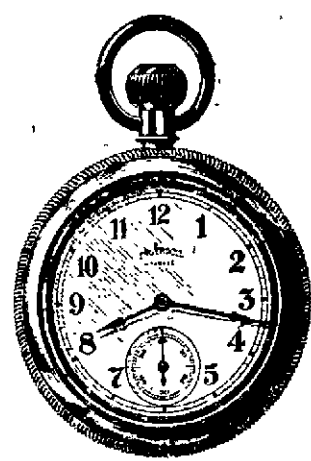
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BODY BLOWN
NINETY FEET

Boiler Explosion in the Fairbanks Stone Quarry.

JOSEPH GOON IS
INSTANTLY KILLEDHenry Hocter and William Philippi
Badly Injured—Families of Injured Men Rush from Their Homes When Boiler Explodes and Witness Horrible Scene.

Joseph Goon, aged fifty-three years, of Ballentine avenue, was instantly killed, Henry Hocter, aged forty-five, of east George street, and William Philippi, aged eighteen, son of August Philippi of George street, were badly hurt as a result of a boiler explosion in the Fairbanks stone quarry between Farming and George streets, last Friday at 9:30 o'clock.

Goon, the engineer, who was drilling within ten feet of the boiler, was blown fully ninety feet, striking against a solid wall of stone to the east and crushing his skull.

Hocter, the foreman, was hurled possibly fifty feet to the east, while Philippi, the cart boy, was blown over his horse, falling within ten feet of where the bulk of the boiler fell. The horse was uninjured.

A. J. Stickmiller of Gallon, a stone-cutter, who was working on a ledge 100 feet distant from where the boiler exploded, was caught by the compact and hurled over the ledge and out of the quarry on George street. He was only slightly hurt.

Richard O'Brien, Patrick Bray and John Daugherty were working on a ledge fifteen feet directly beneath the boiler, but escaped uninjured, as they were too low for the force of the concussion.

The bulk of the exploded boiler, which was an old one of twelve-horsepower, was carried a distance of fully forty feet to the west, while pieces were thrown in every direction, crashing against the stone walls and rebounding with terrible force.

A piece of iron supposed to be a part of the boiler was picked up on Ballentine avenue. The force of the concussion shook a number of the houses in the vicinity, and knowing that the explosion was too great for the ordinary quarry blast, women and children ran from their homes, among them being the families of the dead man and of his injured fellow workmen.

Men from the adjoining quarry were first to the aid of the injured. One glance at the body of Goon lying in the northeast corner of the quarry, with his arms above his head on a rock and the whole top of his head crushed, told them that there was no hope for him. Tenderly they cared for his two comrades until the arrival of the Hess & Kirkendall ambulance. Both men were terribly scalded and were covered with the blood streaming from wounds in their heads.

When the ambulance arrived Hocter seemed to realize his condition and tried to talk. Young Philippi was unconscious. The two men were blown more than one hundred feet distant from each other. Hocter was blown east and Philippi west with the boiler.

With women and children standing on the banks of the big quarry, wringing their hands and crying and men running here and there in the quarry below, first to one body, then to the other, a scene was presented that will not soon be forgotten by those who saw it.

One of the first to arrive on the scene was James G. Fairbanks, owner of the quarries. He was greatly affected and gazed upon the horrible wreck of human life with tears in his eyes. In an interview, Mr. Fairbanks said that the engine, which was used for drilling, was an old one, but he did not remember how long it had been in service.

It was an hour after the accident before Coroner Brady arrived to examine the body of Goon, the body remaining untouched.

"That man's alive," cried one workman. "See, he moved his arms," and he ran toward the body. But the dead man's arm had merely fallen from its resting place against the rock. He had doubtless been killed instantly.

When throngs of the curious began to arrive, Mr. Fairbanks took charge of affairs and telephoned to the City hospital, where the other two men had been taken, desiring to know what disposition was to be made of Goon's body. In the excitement the coroner had not been notified. He was informed of the accident by a Star reporter and went to the scene immediately. Goon's body was removed to the morgue of Hess & Kirkendall on south Main street.

Goon, the engineer, had been employed by Mr. Fairbanks in the quarries during the past fifteen years. He leaves a widow and several children. Hocter, the foreman, has been employed in the quarries about six years, and has a wife and about six children. Philippi had been working in the quarry only a short time. He had been complaining of feeling ill and early that morning did not

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tend to go to work, but later changed his mind.

A short time before the explosion occurred Goon and Hocter were talking and laughing, according to those who were working below. Hocter is believed to have been firing the boiler when it let go. Philippi had just started to drive away with his cart loaded with stone.

After the injured men had been removed to the hospital, a hasty examination disclosed that Philippi had suffered fatal injuries. He sustained a compound fracture of both tables of the skull on the left side, half a dozen pieces of bone having been driven into the brain. In addition to this the young man suffered a fracture of the arm with so much bone destruction that amputation was necessary at the shoulder. The operation was performed in an attempt to save his life, though the surgeons had little hope for him at the outset.

Hocter suffered a compound fracture of the lower right jaw in two places, with deep wounds over the scalp and face, while the lower portion of his body was frightfully burned. Unless unforeseen complications develop, the hospital authorities believe he will recover. The double operations were performed by Drs. A. M. Crane, A. Rhu, N. F. Tilton and H. Chisholm.

Aside from the whole top of his head being crushed like an eggshell, Coroner E. L. Brady states that Goon suffered a fracture of the spine. No other bones were broken.

The Second Victim Dies.

After thirty-one hours, William Philippi, aged nineteen years, the second victim of the boiler explosion accident at the Fairbanks stone quarry, Friday morning, died of his injuries at the City hospital, Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. He never regained consciousness.

That the young man lived as long as he did is regarded as remarkable by the hospital surgeons. Both tables of the skull on the left side had been splintered and his arm was so terribly crushed that amputation at the shoulder was necessary. In addition to this he sustained internal injuries, though his death is attributed to the shock caused by the broken skull, several pieces of bone having been imbedded in the brain. He was strong and robust, with a phenomenal constitutional endurance, and this is accountable for the fact that he lingered so long, the surgeons say.

Young Philippi is survived by his parents, two brothers and four sisters.

The latter are Mrs. William Hunt of Caledonia, Stella, Bertha and Maggie Philippi, John and Charles Philippi of this city. Maggie is a twin sister of the deceased.

Some time before his death, at the request of the heart-broken mother, Rev. Father Joseph Denning baptized the young man into the Catholic church. It was the first baptism of the kind ever held at the City hospital.

The funeral was conducted from St. Mary's church, Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, followed by interment in St. Mary's cemetery.

ARE MARRIED AT
THEIR PRETTY HOME

Miss Mary Allebaugh and Mr. Charles Kennedy Wed.

Miss Mary Allebaugh and Mr. Charles Kennedy were married at high noon, Sunday, by Rev. O. D. Maple, pastor of the Central Christian church. The ceremony took place at a pretty home which the groom had prepared on Chestnut street and was witnessed by a small company of friends and relatives.

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IN THE AMBULANCE

Hocter Is Supposed To Be Dying, and While a Dash is Made for the City Hospital the Man Receives the Rite of the Church—The Only Catholic of Three Victims.

A feature of decided interest develops in connection with the fatal explosion at the Fairbanks stone quarries, Friday, in which Father Lawrence Denning of St. Mary's church figures conspicuously.

As the ambulance swung from George street to State street on its way to the hospital with two of the victims, Henry Hocter and William Philippi, Father Denning met it at the corner.

"Is Hocter in there?" he shouted to C. P. Hess, the driver, who replied in the affirmative, and the priest leaped on the rear steps of the red cross wagon, opened the doors and entered.

While the wagon was speeding with clanging gong in its flight to the hospital, the father administered extreme unction for Hocter, who was the only Catholic injured. Hocter was in a semi-conscious condition at the time but may survive.

There are comparatively few Catholics who have received extreme unction and live to learn of it later. However, there was no time to be lost when the father learned of the accident he started to the scene for he had heard of its fatal results. He knew Hocter personally and had been informed that he was the only Catholic hurt. How badly Hocter was injured was not known until he reached the hospital operating room, but it was supposed he was dying.

NEGROES ARRESTED
FOR STEALING COAL

Caught in the Act and Forced To Weigh Load.

John Allen and Charles Sheffield, both colored, were found guilty in the court of Justice H. C. Thompson on the charge of having stolen 962 pounds of coal from the bins of the Ohio Milling & Elevator company on Mill street, and were given fines and jail sentences. Allen was arrested Friday night and Sheffield next morning.

Friday night Allen pleaded guilty and implicated Sheffield by saying that he helped load the wagon with coal. Allen was fined five dollars and costs and sentenced to twenty-four hours in jail. Saturday morning Sheffield said that he was merely a victim of circumstances, that he had got aboard Allen's wagon with the understanding that Allen was en route to a bakery. He said he had taken no coal.

Sherfield pleaded not guilty, but after a short hearing was found guilty, fined five dollars and costs and given twenty-four hours in jail.

The theft was committed about 7 o'clock Thursday night, and L. J. Smith, manager of the company, saw the men leaving with the coal. He forced them to go back and weigh the coal. Smith says the company has been losing coal for several weeks.

COLORED LABORER
IS BADLY BURNED

Serious Accident on West Church Street Sunday.

Thomas Beely, a colored laborer employed by the Barber Asphalt company, was the victim of a serious accident, early Sunday morning. Beely was engaged in watching the boiler on west Church street when his clothes were fired by a spark from the engine and before the flames could be extinguished he was seriously burned about the left shoulder and back.

Friends hurried to his assistance and the injured man was removed to Simpson's barber shop on north Main street where Dr. J. M. Hoskins was called and dressed his injuries, after which the victim was taken to his home in Lima.

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HIRCUS, THE DANCING BILLY GOAT

By MICKEY FINN

It was Christmas eve, and Patrick Doolan, the foreman of the gas works, had summoned a goodly company of his friends to celebrate the holiday season and the arrival of two barrels of Irish turf from his native town. A bunch of this peat lay glowing in the fireplace. While the snow was softly piling itself upon the window casings and the wind was taking liberties with the shutters, Judy Callahan stily plumed upon the lapel of Dick Walsh, the letter carrier, a sprig of Irish ivy. By nodding from rheumatism Flaherty, who sat in the ingle nook nourishing his shins, Dick learned that the symbolic meaning of Irish ivy is "I cling to thee." Judy's shriek a moment later indicated that



"T'WAS THREE MONTHS 'O' STRAP AND CARBONS."

Dick had taken advantage of the information. Just then Jack Doolan, the youthful heir to the Doolan estate, put his head inside the door.

"Father, can I bring in the nanny? The snow is fallin' on her through the roof, and she's tremblin' wid the cold."

"Of course, my son," said Mr. Doolan heartily. "Bring her in. We don't want our milk watered."

"That's a fine baste you have there," said Flaherty. "How much milk does she give?"

"Two quarts a day, but she used to give three quarts a day before her husband died. She's phin' away since that time, poor girl. I think 'tis the love-sickness she has," said Mr. Doolan.

"Dear, dear, look at that, now!" said Mrs. Reagan sympathetically. "I always said that nanny goats was suitable. And how long is the billy goat dead, Mr. Doolan?"

"His five years the 23th day of this month," replied Doolan. "Sorra day 'twas when we lost Hircus. A more gayal nor a more willin' goat you would not find in all Har-lem. Sure his death was a tragedy and a calamity."

"How was that?" quavered old man Dougherty, the stone-mason.

"Well," resumed Doolan, "'twas a tragedy the way he was translated and a calamity when his death took away the only chance I ever had of makin' a fortune."

"'Tis queer about goats," continued Doolan. "They are born wid a certain amount of eddication. Show me the goat that wouldn't know a cabbage or a turnip when he sees it. Of course a goat knows nothin' about machinery. There was a goat that used to stop the horses drawn a street car, but when they put a trolley car on the track you couldn't find that much of the goat as would grease a griddle. But a goat can be educated wid sugar and a strap to do tricks. Now, I suppose none of ye would believe me if I told ye that I taught Hircus to dance as fine a jig or hornpipe as ever you saw in a theater."

A chorus of disbelief arose.

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"Well," replied Cassidy, "I should think that \$300 a week would be none too little for so dignificant a curiosity."

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"Deed I do, Doolan!" said Mrs. O'Brien, with a reminiscent sigh.

"Ye'll excuse me, ladies and gentle-

men," said Flaherty, rising and putting on his hat, "but I must leave ye. A dancin' goat is too much for my voracity. I couldn't swallow it."

When the door had closed Doolan went on: "Every night after supper the table was shrouded back upon the wall and the less a begin. And would you believe it, it took three months to teach the goat to stand on his hind legs for five minutes! After that 'twas easier. There was a little girl named Ellen next door that took a great interest in the education of the goat. She was about the size of the goat when she stood up, and 'twas pure joy to see Hircus waltzin' around the kitchen to the music of my fiddle. With the goat's head on her shoulder and her arms around his neck they would whirl slowly around in the dancin' circles of the mazurka, as the poet says—

"How perfectly lovely!" exclaimed Judy Callahan.

"After the lesson was over each night I used to give the goat all kinds of tasty things, like potato peelins', eatin' stamps, and such like, as a reward, and 'twas the habit of keepin' the goat hungry all day that led to the loss of my fortune. 'Twas three months of strap and carrots before the goat could do a decent heel-and-toe, work as hard as I might, and 'two weary months before he would nod his head and make a bow the same as if he was before an audience."

"Dark to that now," said Dougherty to Judy Callahan in a whisper. "A goat makin' a bow!"

"As I said before," Doolan went on, "when the goat had learned to bow at a whim we made his billy suit. The thing that cost the most was the skirt, made of red silk and shaped like a parasol. It looked like a billycock turned upside down. Then we put a little green cap wid a red tassel on the goat's head, and a pair of white slippers on his feet. And when we showed him his picture in the glass he grinned like a woman puttin' on her Sunday bonnet. The tears fill me eyes when I think that only for that joker Reagan I might be ridin' in me own divil wagon wid rubber wheels."

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"Come, my child," he suggested insistently. "Tell me what I can do to please you. Don't be afraid to put my liberality to a test. It's the blessed Christmas season, you know."

The youthful highness sighed deeply, but did not seem able to find the words to frame his request.

"Courage, my friend," persisted his holiness. "I am in the mood for giving. Ask confidently, and I should advise you to ask something more substantial than my blessing."

The young Borgia realized that the opportunity was golden. At that time the temporal power of the Roman pontiff was so great that kingdoms were at his disposal. The prince knew all that, but it did not tempt him.

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LITTLE JINNIE stood before Old Grimkee's window. The dark plates and bronzes, the somber stuffs and hangings, had disappeared. Grimkee's window was in holiday attire, and Little Jinnie wondered why. Some one had spoken of a day far distant, a day of mirth and gladness, of good will and peace; that the joy bells would ring, the music in the churches would sound and that every one would smile and greet one another as if great times had come.

Little Jinnie bent forward and leaned her elbows upon the narrow ledge that jutted out from the window. What a feast she saw! A tall soldier, all red and gold, stood in one corner, his musket at "shoulder arms," determination in his eye and in his rigid at-



AN OLD MAN CAME OUT OF THE SHOP. Little Jinnie started to say "Good morning," but she didn't quite like his manner.

Below him, seated on a dairy stool, was a milkmaid with a churn, and the wonderful dasher kept going up and down at regular intervals, and the milkmaid's head kept bobbing and bobbing till the white linen bows on her cap flapped like windmills.

A shepherd boy stood next to the milkmaid, and in his mouth was a long pipe or musical instrument. From time to time a loud note rang out. What queer toys! Little Jinnie almost believed that they were not toys, for the faces looked so real, and they moved and bobbed like real live people. But Grimkee always had queer things in his window, different from any other shopkeeper in Broad street.

There stood a clock with a cuckoo that flew in and out and chirruped its note at certain intervals. And the wax doll in the corner, with a queen's crown on her head and a crimson velvet robe! That was the most real doll Little Jinnie had ever seen.

While she stood there, her small, thin hands and arms on the ledge, her wistful eyes peering within, an old man came out from the side of the shop and thrust his head into the window. It was Old Grimkee, and he wore a fustian jacket, very snug and tight, and a queer little skullcap on his head. He looked about as if in quest of something, and his round little eyes squinted here and there as if everything was a long way off.

Little Jinnie did not move, and if Old Grimkee saw her he was kind enough not to object, for he never once looked toward her, but kept squinting and moving until he saw a long, narrow house, painted green, with a small peak, which stood in the center of his window.

"Ah!" he cried, and from outside Jinnie heard his grunt of satisfaction. He moved toward the green house. In his hand he held a key, and, after fumbling and feeling about the side of the structure, he turned it about. Then he waited for something. Jinnie didn't know what, but she stared, fascinated by the old man's movements and waiting, just as much as he waited, for the revelation that she felt sure was to come.

The door of the house opened. A pair of elephants walked out, then a couple of bears and two spirited looking horses. After that trooped all the animals that Little Jinnie had ever seen in her picture book, the old, thumpy eared one that the mission teacher had given her. Round and round they walked, and larger and larger grew Little Jinnie's eyes.

Old Grimkee looked up. He was proud of his window, for he had taken great pains to make it attractive. Not another man in Broad street knew the children's tastes so well. All about the shelves of his little shop stood Santa Clauses, railroad cars, tin soldiers and small guns and dolls that the little ones liked. Old Grimkee had been in the business for years, and he expected great profits this Christmas time.

Suddenly he spied Little Jinnie. He did not know whether she was admiring him or his window, for her eyes kept shifting from the long green toys to him, back again, and so on. A general smile overspread the face of Old Grimkee. The little child outside was

certainly carried away with what she saw. Old Grimkee looked closer. How this pale she was, and quite a little tot to be alone!

The old man kept smiling and smiling, as if he knew her, and Little Jinnie advanced toward the door. Old Grimkee had left his window and stood behind the counter.

"Well, little girl, what can I do for you?" he asked, bending over the counter toward the wee figure that looked appealingly upward.

"If you would tell me—she paused.

"Yes," said Old Grimkee.

"What that thing is—that house in your window. Are the animals alive?"

"That—that green house?" asked Old Grimkee, leaning forward to take a peep at the window.

"Yes, sir," answered Little Jinnie.

"Why, you don't mean to tell me that you never saw a Noah's ark, child?"

Little Jinnie looked as ignorant as an infant.

"No? Why, then, you've never heard the story of the flood and Noah and the ark resting on Ararat? Dear me, dear me!" Old Grimkee actually looked worried over the turn of affairs. He thought everybody knew that.

Just then some customers came in, and Old Grimkee put on a businesslike air.

The child stole noiselessly out. Old Grimkee did not hear her, for the ladies were asking him for bunnings tops, and he was not quite sure whether he had them. He turned several things over as he looked and opened the wrong boxes and packages. Old Grimkee's eyes were falling like a bit. And as he looked a pair of wistful eyes, blue and heavily lashed, haunted him. While looking he was wondering where he had seen them.

"Bless me!" he cried suddenly. "That child!"

The customers looked queerly at him, but he had found their toys, and as they examined them and approved them they did not pause to mark the puzzled glances of the shopkeeper.

Little Jinnie was unhappy. In her small, meager home she felt the need of something. If she had been older she might have known.

"Land o' love," the mother cried, "the child's a-worried over something! She's that thin an' pale as ter be or shadder." The poor woman paused in her daily task of sewing and looked unasily at the small thin one that played beside her.

Every morning the child had strayed out on the next block. The mother had watched her and felt no uneasiness. Whenever she looked in that direction she saw Little Jinnie standing against a window, looking in with all her eyes.

"Bless me!" exclaimed the mother. "What's it now?"

And Old Grimkee had seen and heard, for Little Jinnie came in every day for a moment, and between times, when nobody was buying. Old Grimkee took her on his knee and told her the wonderful story of the flood. And questions had been asked and the Christmas time commented on, and Little Jinnie's eyes were wonderstruck.

"Where do you live?" he asked. Old Grimkee had no children of his own. His son had died a year before.

"Down there, near the alley, in the funny little house with red windows."

It was nearing the time. For three or four days a fine snow had fallen.



"THAT'S THE THING I'VE DREAMED 'BOUT."

and the icicle hanging from the window ledge in Old Grimkee's window. Many of the toys had disappeared, but the Noah's ark was still there. Somehow people thought it "too expensive," yet Old Grimkee felt that it was not. He staked a great deal on that ark, and the animals were not common animals; they were made of the finest wood.

All the children had seen it. Day by day they passed before his window, and the wonderful toy was wound up, and the eyes outside grew larger and larger. That nose of the eyes haunted Old Grimkee as much as Little Jinnie's.

"Bless me!" he suddenly thought. "I've not seen her for two days. That's queer. I'll look her up."

In a dim little room, upon a couch whereon the faded coverlet was high drawn, lay Little Jinnie. The big eyes were the first thing Old Grimkee saw. They were more wistful than ever. Two little hands were stretched out in pleading.

"I'm awful glad to see yer," said she. "I've missed yer an' the ark too!" Her voice was quite thin as she said this.

"Is that so?" Old Grimkee asked, a suspicion of tears in his eyes.

"Course it's so! I've dreamed 'bout it at night till I thought it was right by me. An' I've seen the window. Oh, it's a beautiful window, Mr. Grimkee!"



SALUTING THE CONVOY AT CHRISTMAS (AN ANCIENT MARITIME CUSTOM)

JAPANESE, CHINESE AND KOREAN TOYS

By CHANNING A. BARTOW

HERE is no real Christmas in the far east, which is still essentially pagan, but the small boys and girls with the almost eyes have plenty of other holidays on which they give and receive presents and make merry in much the same manner as their western brothers and sisters on the occasion of Santa Claus' annual visit.

And in the matter of toys Japanese, Chinese and Korean babies have little cause to envy their foreign friends, for not even the most marvelous mechanical products of Nuremberg surpass the products of the yellow toy-maker's ingenuity. Children the world over are very much alike in their tastes, however different in appearance, and the playthings of infant Asia bear a strong fundamental resemblance to those of young America. Most popular, of course, are dolls. The parental instinct is universal.

China and Korea are great countries for dolls, but in Japan, that paradise of children, the malleable baby is so highly regarded that it has a special holiday, the "feast of dolls." This comes in February every year at the time of the Chinese new year. The dolls are placed on silk covered shelves in the best room in the house. Often it takes five or six shelves to hold them all. The principal participants in the feast are called the emperor and empress of Japan. They are dressed in court costumes, and the others, named for famous persons, are arranged about them. Doubtless at the coming celebration numerous doll Gyamas, Togos, Kurokis and Nogis will swell the crowds at the receptions of the mimic mikado. Silver bowls are placed before their majesties, and the child for whom the festival is kept puts fresh food in these dishes every day. At the end of three days the dolls are laid away for another year, only a few favorites being kept out for common use.

Of these, one is the "lady with the six" (or more) wigs, a baldheaded doll whose many changes of coiffure give life small owner endless delight.

Though it is primarily a girl's holiday, the small boy of Japan is not above playing with dolls and is especially fond of the doll theater. He is as much addicted to wooden soldiers and

acrobatic toys as his counterpart in America. Marionettes are as popular in China as in Japan. Long before Punch and Judy began to charm the hearts of American youth the little children of China were laughing over the dilemmas of these two famous characters. Little boats are set up on the streets, where traveling companies present their quaint shows. They have men on horse-back, soldiers, lions, tigers, dragons, snakes and curious acrobatic frogs, all made to go through their antics by means of strings and sticks managed by the showmen. Following the feast of dolls, the Japanese boys, too, have a holiday of their own, a distinctive feature of which is the school of large paper fishes floating over every house in which there are boys, one fish for each son. The Japanese, being great fishermen, admire certain specimens of the fin beauties very much—for instance, the carp, which swims upstream, a sign of courage and perseverance. This fish has become with the Japanese an emblem of the boys, whom their parents wish to see possessed of these qualities.

On the boys' day the toy bazaars of the city are thronged with children. Swords, guns, pistols, trumpets, horses and menageries sell like hot cakes, and fireworks fill the air with smoke and noise. There is in Tokyo one quarter consisting of three or four streets which contains nothing but bazaars for the sale of toys. Here for a few cents one may buy a handful of bamboo rods from the ends of which dangle the funniest imaginable caricatures on which the potent sake has worked its charm. The goggle-eyed men whose heads roll on pivots are matched by jovial foxes and ladders which have also looked upon the sake when it was yellow. Toy animals of every sort—lizards, crickets and spiders—make the streets of Tokyo look like Broadway in New York the week before Christmas.

A new popular toy is a Russian soldier with red hair and blue eyeballs, who performs all kinds of "stunts." Tops and kites are always in favor in the east, and some of them are veritable works of art. The kites assume every possible form of fish, beast and bird, while the tops which transform themselves into butterflies and hovers as they spin seem to be the work of a necromancer. There is no distinction of age in flying kites and spinning tops. Old men and children may be seen together engaged in these time honored pastimes.

Asiatic babies are blessed with no end of gods who look out for their welfare, the Japanese having seven gods of happiness, one of whom, Hotei by name, corresponds closely to our St. Nicholas. Hotei is of a venerable and amiable appearance, wearing a long white beard, and carries a sack of gifts for good little boys and girls. To older persons he brings long life and is usually represented in art accompanied by a stock, which is supposed to live 1,000 years.

It is not all play and no work with the small Japanese, despite their abundance of enjoyments. A Japanese child is no sooner able to walk than he or she is called upon to act as nurse for a smaller brother or sister, if there is one. However, the "little mothers" do not seem to be troubled at all by their charges. They carry the babies on

their backs, like papooses, and play ball, run races and fly kites in spite of their burdens. Strangest of all, the babies are perfectly happy and hardly ever cry, though often laughed at in a way that would make an American baby howl with rage.

The business spirit of the Chinese empire is reflected in the sports of the Chinese child, and small imitations of commerce play a large part in his life. Owners of toy carts organize mimic trading expeditions, while the less fortunate "keep store." The boys also play at war with ships and soldiers, and, as in Japan, one may see bands of children armed with toy guns or sticks drilling with true martial air.

A regular feature of the game as it is played in China is, it is said, the alarm. "The Japanese are coming!" at which the whole pattered army thus as if Saturn were after it. The Chinese boy is very fond of pots and often carries about with him a caddy in a wooden cage or a cricker similarly imprisoned.

The less active Chinese girl has many beautiful toys of porcelain, lacquer and ivory, dolls and diminutive household utensils. The girls have their games also, such as battleships and shuttlecock and jackstones. They "turn the mill" and "burn butter" to the accompaniment of nursery rhymes centuries old.

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THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN

A CHRISTMAS POEM

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THE night is fair over Bethlehem
As amid God's lights on high
A strange, new star gleams out like a gem
In a setting of wint'ry sky.
It shines afar over stream and field
To an eastern caravan,
And three are thrilled as they see revealed
The sign of the Son of Man.

SINCE that sweet night the years have flown
As ripples flow on a stream,
While empires out of the earth have grown
To pass as a troubled dream,
And weary eyes have searched the skies,
As the ages onward ran,
With the hope once more to recognize
The sign of the Son of Man.



THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN.

BUT never and never men saw above
Its magical gleam afar,
Yet ever and ever the light of love
Was shed by the golden star.
For not on the skies do its bright rays burn,
But the hearts of its lovers scan
And there on the heavens within discern
The sign of the Son of Man.

IN mercy and peace, in the growing good
That sweetens the world today,
In the era of freedom and brotherhood
That comes on its shining way,
In the march of Truth and her victories,
With the Christ-soul leading the van,
Behold, 'tis in these that the spirit sees
The sign of the Son of Man.

FOR ever the burden of gladness grows,
And ever the sorrow dies,
And ever the soul that is quickened knows
A secret of sweet surprise,
And ever in those of the glad new birth
The eyes of the spirit scan,
Revealed in a glory transcending earth,
The sign of the Son of Man.

Christmas Ghost Hunting.

The custom of chasing spooks on the night before Christmas comes from Ireland. One difficulty with making the thing go in America is that our houses are scarcely old enough to make good ghost repositories. A real haunted house should be sufficiently old to be something of a ghost itself. Like violins and whisky, a spooky atmosphere improves with age.

A ghost hunt should be carried on at midnight, of course. If no specter be found, an active imagination should have no difficulty in conjuring up one of its own. The only way to account for the fact that ghosts abound more at Christmas than at other times is that the Christmas season is a very attractive one on earth and the spooks come back to enjoy its good cheer.

Christmas and the Druids.

It is not generally known how many of our Christmas customs are almost identical with those of the Druids in early England. For example, the Yule log is said to have come from the wheel log, symbolizing the march of the sun. Then the mistletoe was a sacred bush among the Druids. They had a trinity of their own, and the white berries, which are often found in bunches of three, were to them a divine symbol. The carrying about of "the wren bird" in Ireland may be traced to the same sources, as the wren was a sacred bird with the Druids. Most remarkable of all is the fact that the time of their chief celebration was at the winter solstice, which is practically identical with Dec. 25, our Christmas day.

The Romans Used Holly.

It should prove of immense interest to students of history, that the early Romans had a festival at about the time of our Christmas, and that they festooned their houses with holly in honor of the god Saturn. This was called the Saturnalia, and the character of the celebration may be judged from the fact that the name is still the synonym for carousal and immorality. At this time the Romans sent their friends sprigs of holly, thus indicating their good wishes for prosperity and long life. It is related that the early Christians also decked their homes with holly at this season for the purpose of escaping persecution.

Hunting Attorneys.

They have nicknamed Tom Law, son the "Editor Stead of Massachusetts," and each gentleman is understood to have consulted his attorney about it.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Beware of him who finds it necessary to boast of his honesty.

Legal Notice.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Marion County, Ohio.

International Harvester Company of America, Plaintiff, vs. George O'Neal, Defendant. Notice by publication.

M. A. Grimes, the defendant, is hereby notified that on December 6, 1935, the International Harvester Company of America, a corporation of Ohio, filed in the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Marion and State of Ohio, a petition to foreclose a certain chattel mortgage and to sell the chattel chattel property described in a chattel mortgage dated March 21, 1935, made by M. A. Grimes to the International Harvester Company of America, and duly recorded in the Montpelier townships of Marion County, Ohio, and out of the proceeds of sale of said chattel property there be paid the amount thereof due to said plaintiff, and its mortgage, together with interest, and all expenses and attorney fees incident to such foreclosure. Defendants further advised that the said chattel mortgage will be sold in the next six weeks the said complainant will apply to said Court to take the matters of said petition as aforesaid, and to decree thereon accordingly.

E. T. BOYD,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

December 6, 1935.—21 wk-1-15.

Legal Notice.

William Frederick Mack, et al., Plaintiffs, vs. Christopher Staley, et al., Defendants. Cause No. 1185.

The defendants, Christopher Staley; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Christopher Staley; John Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of John Stine; Jacob Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Jacob Stine; Peter Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Peter Stine; Mary Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Mary Stine; Margaret Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Margaret Stine; Martin Stine; the unknown heirs and legal and personal representatives of Martin Stine, will take notice that on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1935, plaintiffs filed their petition in the office of the clerk of the court of common pleas of Marion county, Ohio, in and by which they seek to have the title quieted in them, to the following described premises, to-wit:

Situated in the township of Waldo, in the county of Marion, in the state of Ohio, and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the northwest corner of lot number eight, (8), United States military lands, in range 13, township 7, section 1; thence easterly on the line of said county line to the northeast corner of said lot and twenty-fourth (24.00) rods to the center of the Wheelstone river; thence south with the center of the river to the line between the lands formerly owned by John M. Shaffer and Andrew Stroub, as shown by Eaton's survey; thence west on said line one hundred and forty-three and forty-two hundredths (143.42) rods to a point on the west line of lot number eight, (8); thence north, forty-eight and fifty-two hundredths (48.52) rods, to the place of beginning, containing forty-nine and eighty-seven hundredths (49.87) acres, more or less.

Also situated in the township of Richland, county and state aforesaid; being part of the east half of fractional section 21, township 6, south of range 16, beginning at the southwest corner of said east half of said fractional section aforesaid on the Greenville tract; thence easterly on said line, forty (40) rods; thence north, thirty-eight (38) rods; thence west, forty-two (42) rods; thence south, forty-two (42) rods to the place of beginning, containing ten (10) acres, more or less.

Also situated in the township of Richland, county and state aforesaid; and known as a tract of land beginning at a stake in the half section line and ten (10) chains and seventy-one (71) links south of the northwest corner of said half of fractional section number 21, township 6, south of range 16; thence east parallel with the north line of said half section to the center of the Wheelstone or Greenville river; thence with the meanderings of said river south to the Greenville tract line; thence with said line south, eighty-three (83) degrees west, thirty-one (31) chains and seventy (70) links to the southwest corner of said east half of fractional section 21; thence with the half section line north one (1) degree east, ten (10) chains and fifty-five (55) links to the beginning, containing twenty-eight and sixteen hundredths (28.16) acres more or less, excepting ten (10) acres of the west end of this described tract, leaving eighteen and sixteen hundredths (18.16) acres, more or less, containing in the northeast corner thereof, hereby conveyed, seventy-eight and three hundredths (78.03) acres be the same, more or less, and that unless they answer on or before the 10th day of January, A. D. 1936, the allegations of said petition will be taken to be true, and a decree entered accordingly.

WILLIAM FREDERICK MACK,
EMMA M. MACK,

By E. Edmund Hill and Copeland & Hartman, their attorneys,
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Sheriff's Sale.

Marion Building, Savings & Loan Company

vs.

Anna A. Shute et al.

In the court of common pleas, Marion county, Ohio.

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MRS. GILLESPIE DIES AT LARUE

Death the Result of a Long Illness of Cancer.

LaRue, Dec. 9.—[Special.]—Mrs. Ella Gillespie, aged forty-seven years, wife of John H. Gillespie of LaRue, died of cancer at her home here Thursday night. She had been ill many months.

Besides her husband, the deceased is survived by Edward Seiffert of Indianapolis, a son by a former marriage; Morris Gillespie, another son, and her mother, Mrs. Caroline Morris of LaRue. William Morris of this city is a brother of Mrs. Gillespie. The funeral will be held at the late home of the deceased, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, followed by interment in the LaRue cemetery.

ARE MARRIED AT HOME OF PASTOR

Miss Sophia Almendinger and Mr. Charles Kesler.

Miss Sophia Almendinger and Mr. Charles Kesler, both of this city, were married December 7, by Rev. C. E. Buckle, pastor of the German M. E. church, at his home on south Prospect street. They were unattended.

The groom is well known and is employed as a piano finisher at the Gehlhardt factory.

Much of the bitterness of life comes from swallowing one's own words.

DAMAGE SUIT IS BEGUN

Administrator Seeks To Recover Sum of \$10,000.

MATTER OF ESTATE OF SHELBY SMITH

Smith Is Employed by Erie Railroad Company and Dies of Burns and Scalds—Trial of Goodman Against Murphy Damage Case in Court of Common Pleas.

Horatio Howles, administrator of the estate of Shelby Smith, the young man who died at his home here, October 12, as the result of scalds which he received while working at the Erie round-house, begun suit for \$10,000 against the railroad company December 8.

Howles, through his attorneys, De Golley & DeGolley, states that Smith, who was only twenty-one years of age, was in charge of a coal-loader at the round-house and he asserts that this loader was defective in its construction. Howles states that the defects were latent and hidden and existed without the knowledge of Smith.

As a result of the hidden defects in the loader, the machine unexpectedly toppled over and the scalding water and steam from the boiler were thrown upon Smith. He died several hours later from the effects of his injuries.

The plaintiff says that Smith leaves an invalid father who was almost wholly dependent upon his son for support.

A suit for \$3,000 damages brought by Mrs. Alice Goodman against William P. Murphy, a West End saloonist, was heard Friday in the court of common pleas. Mrs. Goodman claims that after she had requested saloon men to stop selling liquor to her husband, Frank Goodman, Murphy let the man get intoxicated in his place of business. Mrs. Goodman retained C. C. Fisher and H. E. Hill as her attorneys and Murphy is represented by Crissinger & Guthery.

After having deliberated for four hours the jury in the suit of A. W. Dickerson against J. F. McClintock returned a verdict at 7 o'clock Thursday evening for the defendant. The hearing lasted from 9 o'clock Thursday morning until shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Judge B. G. Young has granted Miss Mary Kramer permission to file a petition in error in the suit brought against her by the state dairy and food commissioner for alleged adulteration of milk. The petition was filed December 8 by Miss Kramer's attorneys, Scofield, Durfee, & Scofield.

In the suit brought by George E. Turner against Judge James C. Tobias, alleging breach of contract in the purchase of stock in the defunct Turner Engineering company, Turner has filed a demurrer to the cross-petition of Tobias.

The suit of Mrs. Alice Goodman against William P. Murphy, a West End saloonist, in which Mrs. Goodman sued for \$3,000 damages, claiming that Murphy sold her husband liquor contrary to official orders, was decided December 8 in favor of the plaintiff.

The jury, after having deliberated from 4 o'clock Friday afternoon until almost midnight, brought in a

verdict for \$575 damages. Mrs. Goodman showed that Murphy had sold beer to her husband, Frank Goodman, after he had been "black-listed."

Crissinger & Guthery, attorneys for Murphy, have given notice of a motion for a new trial.

Two of the citizens who had properly condemned for public park purposes last week have filed motions for new trials, claiming that the prices set for their land by the jury were insufficient. The parties who demand new trials are I. A. Merchant and Mrs. Christina Bolander, DeGolley & DeGolley, attorneys for Mrs. Bolander, having filed their motion Saturday.

Judge B. G. Young, Saturday, granted Mrs. Ora Ward of Marion a divorce from Roy Ward of Champaign county. Mrs. Ward began suit here October 21.

The custody of the only child of the parties, Hazel, aged two years, was given to the parents of the defendant until further orders from the court.

Ward is a son of wealthy Champaign county people. He has been ordered to pay his former wife \$15 a month alimony. A. P. Zimmer of the law firm of Buroker & Zimmer of Urbana, was here to look after the interests of Ward. Mrs. Ward was represented by DeGolley & DeGolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward were married at Urbana, October 16, 1902.

Prince Cosart last Monday filed a petition for divorce against Nora Cosart, claiming that she has neglected and deserted him. Cosart relates that he and Mrs. Cosart were married at Latty, Paulding county, January 1, 1902, and that no children have been born of the union. Cosart charges, however, that, July 13, 1905, after his wife had deserted him, she gave birth to a child which is not his offspring.

In the suit for damages brought by James W. Givens against the C. & D. and M. Electric Railway company, the defendant company has filed an answer to the amended petition of the plaintiff. All allegations are denied, and the railway company asserts that if Givens was injured the accident was due to his own carelessness.

In the matter of R. A. Glick, the La Rue clothier, against Mary Crowley and others over the possession of Mrs. Crowley's business block in La Rue, Judge James C. Tobias Monday morning heard the motion of Mrs. Crowley to strike the matter from the docket. Since the filing of the motion, several others of minor importance have been submitted. The judge's disposition of the motion will, in all probability, decide the fate of the others.

This matter is the result of Mrs. Crowley having had Glick ejected last July from her building.

Tottering from weakness due to his advanced age and long imprisonment, G. W. J. Woltz, the aged man who was arrested a year ago on the charge of having defrauded Marion people in the sale of Tennessee real estate, which he did not own, was brought before Judge Young Monday afternoon. His case was assigned for hearing January 3, and William P. Moloney was appointed to defend him. Judge Young made the following assignment of cases:

Nelson Reldenaugh, charged by his wife with assault and battery, December 18; George Ackerman, charged with keeping his saloon open and selling liquor on Sunday, December 19; Winget Carey, charged with adultery, December 20; Arthur Boyd, charged with rape, December 21; Jesse Smith, charged with burglarizing Big Four freight trains, December 22; Robert Burns, horse-stealing, January 2.

The case of the State of Ohio against James Monk, which has been pending in the local common pleas court for three years or more, was dismissed Monday afternoon by Judge Young, who ordered a nolle prosequi. Monk, charged with horse-stealing was given two trials and in each case the jury disagreed. Monk claimed that the horse which he was supposed to have stolen was purchased of another man.

The case of the state against Alfred Korte and Frederick Summers was ordered taken off the docket by Judge Young. Summers was proprietor of a north Main street saloon, and he, with Korte, his bartender, were charged with receiving stolen goods.

A nolle prosequi was Monday ordered in the matter of Emanuel Oppenheimer, charged with operating a bucket-shop.

A nolle prosequi of the two indictments against J. R. Levy, charged with him with receiving stolen goods, was ordered Monday by Judge Young.

In the suit of Willis G. Root against Walter T. Withoft, the defendant, through his attorney, George T. Geier, has filed an answer. Root, who resides at Milford Center, claims that he paid \$125 on a promissory note against Withoft, he having gone surety for the Marion doctor. Dr. Withoft alleges that Dr. Root agreed to pay the money to liquidate a claim held by him.

The Clinton Foundry & Machine company of New York City has filed its answer in the suit for \$2,600 brought in the court of common pleas

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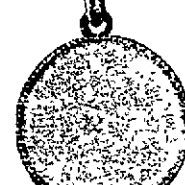
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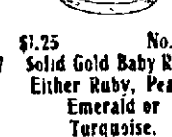
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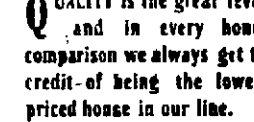
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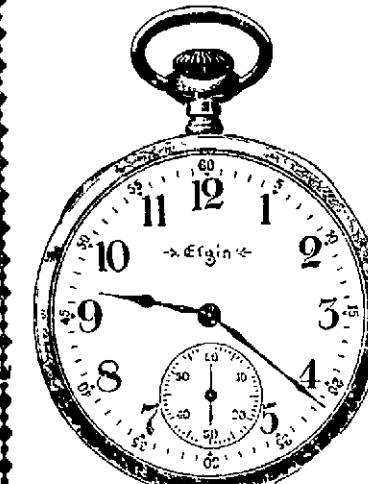
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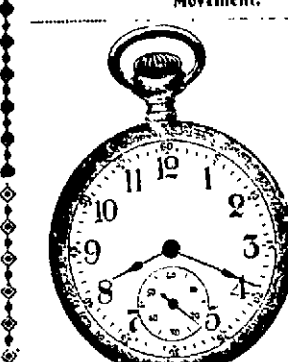
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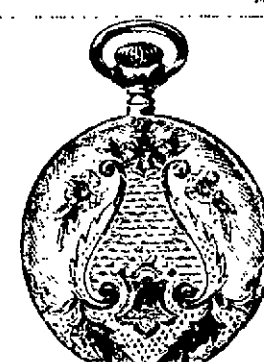
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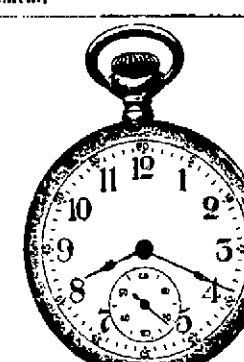
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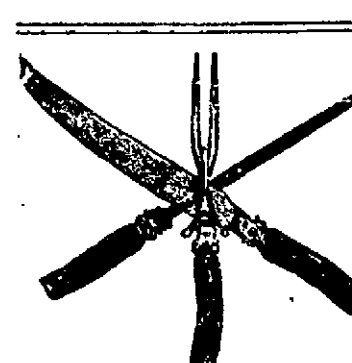
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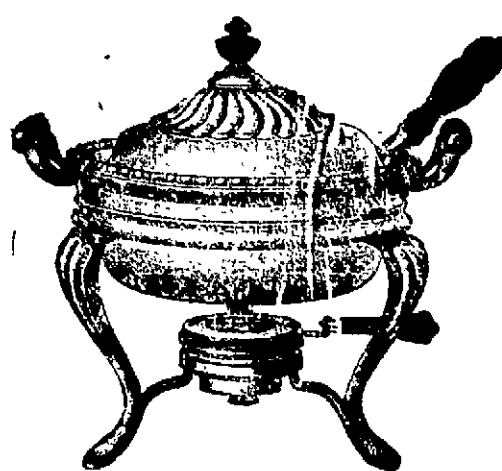
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